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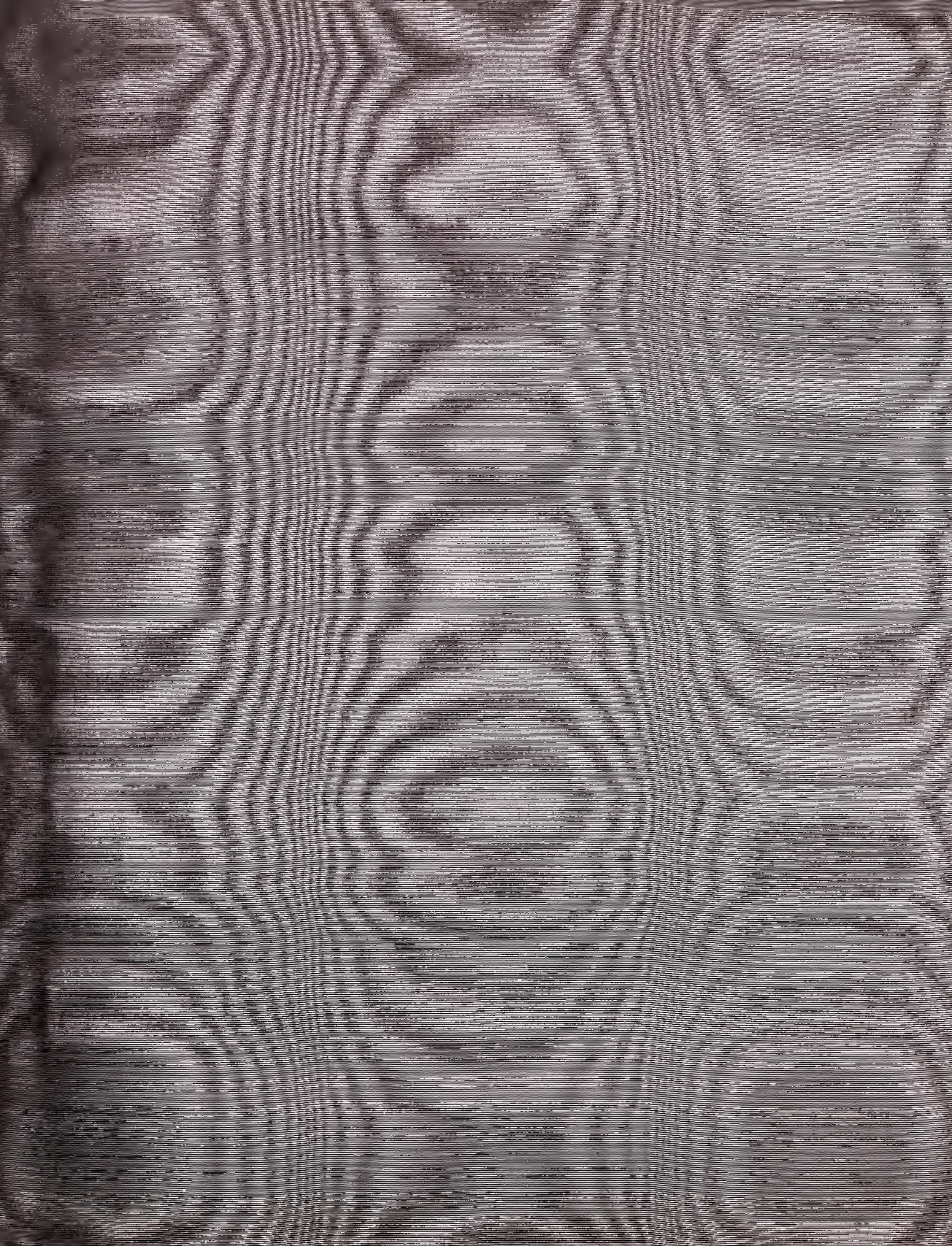

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with

The Board of Foreign Missions

of the Presbyterian Church

in the United States of America

this book of friendly letters is presented to

ROBERT ELLIOTT SPEER

with the affectionate devotion of his associates

To Robert E. Speer.

Beloved Comrade and Friend:

The members of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, with which you have now served for a quarter of a century, greet you on the anniversary of your consecration to the great empire for which it was created.

We give thanks to God for what you have done and for what you are. We rejoice in the work which your Master has enabled you to accomplish as an author, an interpreter of the mind of Christ, an inspirer of youth and a statesman of the Kingdom of God. We rejoice in your world-wide influence and in the prospect that the ripened wisdom which comes with well-spent years will make you a still greater force in the realm of Christian Endeavor.

With great gladness we confess that, in this high fellowship, you have made us love you, and we honor you the more since we are permitted to hold you to our heart.

On behalf of the Board.

George Alexander, President.
Daniel H. McMillan Vice President

New York, November 1st 1916.

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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

MADISON SQUARE BRANCH
P. O. BOX NO. 2

November 1, 1916.

Dear Robert:

In presenting you with this volume which will enable you to see yourself as others see you, we, who are closely associated with you in the office of the Board, unite in affectionate congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your service as Secretary. You will understand how impossible it would be to express in writing all that is in our hearts as we think of our fellowship in the Master's work. You would not wish us, nor would we be able, to unveil the tender intimacies that we have enjoyed. Some of us have worked beside you for most of the quarter century, others for a shorter period, and all alike rejoice in the brotherly love and mutual confidence which have so conspicuously characterized our relations and in the maintenance of which you have had so large a part. Through bright and dark days, in times of prosperity and anxiety, we have stood together, and our friendship has been cemented by burdens mutually borne. We have watched with loving interest your increasing influence and power as a leader in the cause of missions, and have learned to have large confidence in your soundness of judgment, your wisdom in counsel, and your strength in administration. We rejoice, not only in what you have been to us, but also in your constantly widening influence in the Church at large, and among young men and women in schools and colleges. You have given yourself to your task with unceasing activity, and both by word and pen have been instrumental in transforming many lives by revealing to them the Christ whom you have loved and served.

We pray that our Heavenly Father may give to you more than another quarter century of like earnestness in eminent and efficient service. If He shall be pleased to do so, some of us cannot expect to live to join in the celebration of your jubilee year; but whether our coming days together shall be many or few, we thank God for all that you have been to us and to the cause of Christ, and we ask for the continuance of our Heavenly Father's abundant blessing upon you in all your future life and work.

Your affectionate co-workers,

Arthur J. Brown
Abram W. Halsey
Stanley White
Wm. W. Mary
Russell Carter

J. H. Powers Haile
Orville Reed
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156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

My dear Mr. Speer:

It is with great pleasure that we of the office force join with the Officers and Members of the Board in extending to you oongratulations upon the completion of a quarter of a century of service with the Board, and on the successes you have achieved.

Some of us have been associated with you almost your entire term of service, others for only a few months, but to an unusual degree the great respect and personal affection expressed by those most closely associated with you in the work, are felt and recognized by those whose service is more remote. Always genial, courteous and helpful to each and every one in the ranks, we recognize that to the extent our acquaintance with you permits, there is on your part not only a professional but a personal interest in each one's work and in each one's individual success. We assure you that this personal touch makes the days of the past a beautiful memory, and encourages us to go forward stronger and better fitted for the service which we all love.

Our hearty good wishes go with this testimonial of esteem from your oo-workers.

For the Office Force.

Susie A. Pinder
Jeanette McMillan
P. B. Guernsey
Committee.

Robert Elliott Speer.
November 1st, 1916.

DR. DAVID BOVAIRD,
137 EAST 60TH ST.,
NEW YORK

October 26, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Robert:-

On this 25th anniversary of your becoming a secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions with all your friends I offer my hearty congratulations. The journey I was privileged to make with you a year ago revealed to me more clearly than ever before the rich results of your quarter century's service on the Board. Half way round the world we went and into some of the most remote and isolated communities, yet wherever we stopped there were many men and women waiting eagerly to meet you, to hear your words of counsel and inspiration, from them without doubt drawing new courage, new strength, new faith for the great work in which they were engaged. Nor were these eager hearers by any means limited to the members of our own church, or even to the missionary body. Many who had no connection with either heard you gladly. Had our journey, as we had hoped, carried us quite around the world I have no doubt that the same experience would have attended us. In these days when so many of the nations are mad with war, it is well to remember that the earth is girdled with mission stations, every one of which is actively engaged in the spread of that gospel in which, we firmly believe, lies the world's salvation. To have had such a share as yours in the great work which is thus represented is certainly a just cause for congratulations at this time. But I am sure that your friends will rejoice in this occasion not alone in what has been done, but in the promise held in these long years of untiring service of greater things still to be done. May you realize all their hopes, round out another twenty-five years of hard work, and find the joy of it proportionate to the effort that we know you will put into it.

Faithfully yours,

David Bovaird

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.
November 1, 1916.

Robert E. Speer, L.L.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Knowing of the hundreds of letters that you will receive at thie time, it seems almost as though one were imposing a burden to ask you to read even one more; but Central Committee feels that,as a committee, we cannot refrain from sending you a word of greeting, and expressing our sincere appreciation of what you have been to this Committee through all these years.

Your loyalty to high ideals, your earnestness of purpoee and consecrated service have set before us a etandard difficult of attainment, and the sympathetic understanding which you have always manifested, the wise counsel given, when difficult situations have arisen, have helped to keep our courage high and stimulated increased effort toward greater achievement.

You have won a place of love and esteem in each one of our hearts, and I would that I had words at my command to more adequately express our very deep feeling and eincere congratulation on this anniversary day. May it be one of real joy and filled with richest blessing.

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. L. M.) Alice Wood Coy.

Central Committee Chairman.

LMC/MK

574 Madison Avenue
New York

Dear Dr. Speer.

As I look back over the years, my first feeling is one of gratitude for what your books and your friendship and your home have meant in my life - I am conscious that in celebrating this anniversary, one should take a broader outlook, and I do

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Dr. Robert E. Speer —
156 Fifth Ave, New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer, —

Greetings from the Philadelphia Board and congratulations that November 1, 1916, rounds out twenty-five years of deeply appreciated service, crowned with rich blessings.

The members of the Philadelphia Board realize in no small measure what your sympathetic understanding, wisdom and hearty co-operation have meant to them in these years of rapidly increasing work and responsibilities.

We are thankful for your life and work and hope we may have the honor and privilege of extending a similar greeting after fifty years — With best wishes —

Faithfully Yours —
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October 20, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Speer:

I was amazed to learn that you have been a Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions for as long a time as twenty-five years. God has been good to our Church to give you to us for this work and I pray that you may long continue in it. I am thinking too that you are to be congratulated yourself upon having had the fellowship and experience and opportunities for service that these years have brought you.

I am looking forward with pleasure to being more closely connected with your work and hope that our Woman's Boards may prove equal to their new responsibilities.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

"Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust."

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST
Presbyterian Offices, Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave.
CHICAGO

November 1, 1916.

Robert E. Speer, L.L.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

On this occasion, the rounding out of your twenty-fifth year of beautiful service as secretary for the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, it is my great privilege to extend to you in behalf of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest heartiest congratulations.

The Board of Foreign Missions has been exceedingly fortunate in having had you as its representative during these past years. Right valiantly have you served it in extonding Christ's kingdom to the uttermost parts of the earth.

May this day but mark the beginning of a larger, fuller, richer service for the Master, whose you are and whom you serve.

Most sincerely yours,

Mrs. O. P.) Nina M. Williamson

President.

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Beverly, Mass., Oct. 26, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer,-

A friend has very kindly given me the opportunity to join with hundreds of others in sending to you our congratulations on the completion of your twenty-five years in secretarial service.

I know something of the joy and responsibility of that kind of service. I have always counted it quite as much missionary service as my few years on the foreign field. I am sure that you have rendered as heroic and faithful service to your own society as you could have done in China or India. What can I say of the wider service which we all appreciate and which has reached to all our societies and our missionaries! I know your life and work have been the inspiration of thousands of young student lives, and that you have given the impulse to many who are giving their lives to foreign missions.

And now as you begin the next twenty-five years we all add our good wishes and our prayers that they may be even richer and brighter than those that are past.

It is an especial pleasure that we may claim your assistance in this new work for women which is growing so rapidly. I am very glad that you can be identified with the colleges in China and Japan.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours, Henry W. Peabody.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Speer:

As President of the Woman's Board of the Southwest, it becomes my privilege to express our appreciation of what you have done; and of what you have helped us to do for our King.

Dr. Speer, we congratulate you on this first day of November, nineteen hundred and sixteen, upon your splendid service to our great Assembly's Board - and to the world, in the quarter of a century past. As I think of the noble achievements of some of the men and women I have known, these lines come to mind and I send them, being fully convinced that the man is always greater than the work he produces.

"I wonder if ever a song was sung,
But the singer's heart sang sweeter?
I wonder if ever a rhyme was rung,
But the thought surpassed the meter?
I wonder if ever a sculptor wrought
Till the cold stone echoed his ardent thought -
Or if ever a painter with light and shade
The thought his innermost soul portrayed?

And so to-day we give you honor and praise - and wish you joy and peace through the coming years.

Most sincerely yours,

(Mrs. W. H.) Irene C. Bissland

2830 Buchanan st.
San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1916

Robert E. Speer D.D.

Dear Dr. Speer:

A rumor has reached us out here on the "western rim" of our land that you are soon to complete twenty-five years of service in our Board of Foreign Missions, Kindly accept from your Occidental Board friends and from me personally, Congratulations, That you esteem the service

721 Halsey St.
Portland - Oregon.
Sept 21 - 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer -
56 Fifth Ave - New York -

Dear Mr. Speer -

Dr. Brown tells us that you are to have a notable anniversary in November, and we are so happy to add our Congratulations. Congratulations to yourself.

MRS. HALSEY L. WOOD
150 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK CITY
GENERAL SECRETARY

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

My dear Mr. Speer:—

In the past twenty-five years, you have written many books, and in a considerable portion of this time, we have been in association. Your writings would fill, perhaps, Dr. Eliot's five-foot shelf; but of them all, one stands out as of paramount importance to me. It has passed through several editions, has circulated in every country where the Board of Foreign Missions has work, is widely read in this country, and has made more converts than any book of which I know, save the Bible. When I am faint, it still enables me to pursue; and instead of becoming a back number, its influence grows with the increasing years. It is one of the rare works, which, having met wide acceptance under one title, has made an equally distinguished success under another. It was "A Frank Talk" to begin with, and this proved so convincing, that it was afterward generally acknowledged as "The Best Plan." For many years it has been to me comfort, resource, defence and armor.

Gratefully as well as faithfully yours,

Mary H. Wood—

November 1st 1916—

Dear Mr. Speer,

Can it be possible that "the Weaver who weaves the Web of the Years" has woven for you the complete fabric of twenty-five years of service with our Board? I suppose it is for it was just about that long ago that I myself began to get acquainted with foreign mission work, and I remember you very well, when I first became a manager of the New York Board, as a tall lad preposterously youthful and blooming to be taking on

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S/S Ocean II,
Aug 23, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Speer,

I am not sure that you remember that nearly twenty-five years ago, when we were at Princeton Seminary - both of us were looking forward to work on the Mission field, you told me that you had been asked to be Assistant Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and asked my opinion in the matter. You were meeting, I know, one of the first self-denials of your service for Missions. You

Princeton, N. J.
October 19, 1916.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

Centennials in this great epoch of the wide distribution of the word of God and the preaching of the Gospel are not as rare as they once were. To have labored during the fourth quarter of the century past is a high privilege and honour. Syria Mission congratulates you and joins in rendering thanks to God.

To be prepared in mind, in body and in spirit for broader plans and longer journeys at this greatest of all crises in our world's history, standing where responsibilities are so varied and so heavy, is a supreme privilege granted to few individuals. Syria Mission salutes you and prays for your greater usefulness, greater blessing and greater joy in service as you step into another period of life,- may it be a long one and all to the Glory of God.

In behalf of the Syria Mission, I am

Faithfully yours,

F. E. Hoskins

Stated Clerk.

Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

Hotel Colonial Annex, San Francisco, Cal.
Aug. 22. 1916.

Robt. E. Speer, D.D., LL.D.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Dr. Brown reminds me that you will have completed twenty-five years of service, as Secretary of our Board Nov. 1st 1916, and has asked me to write you for The North India Mission. This is a pleasure to me, but I wish the whole Mission could have written you a joint letter or each member have written you a personal letter.

After more than a years absence from the Mission I feel a good deal out of touch with it, but I know and love the Mission and the missionaries and the Indian workers and our Secretary Dr. Speer.

It was a little more than twenty-six years ago when you visited Wabeler that I volunteered to go as a foreign missionary. I was then a Freshman in college. My next meeting with you was at the Cleveland Volunteer Convention, then at Northfield in '92, then at the Detroit convention in '94.

When I was appointed to go to India in '96 I was very glad that you were our

that you may soon be able to visit India and that it may be our turn to benefit by the special efforts, as China and Korea have already done. I honestly believe we have one of the most needy fields in the world. I also believe that it is yielding and will continue to yield abundant fruit in proportion to the personal love and life that the Church of Jesus Christ invests in it. We must have more American missionaries. And then we must continually strive for better "team work" in India and between the church in the U.S.A. and her missionaries. The bond of unity and partnership must be cultivated.

You are in a strategic position to help bring about real efficiency in this great work. I am sure that I voice the desire of The North India Mission, as well as this sentiment and prayer in all that I have written.

Wishing you many happy returns of Nov. 1st as Secretary of our Board of Foreign Missions I am,

one of your fellow workers, W. T. Mitchell.

543 West 123rd Street
New York
Oct. 25th 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer,-

It will be twenty-five years on November first since you became a Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. May I unite to you as a representative of the Panjab Mission and convey to you our congratulations on this anniversary? Every member of the Mission thanks God on every remembrance of you, for your labor of love, untiring and persistent,

DR. J. W. McKEAN
156 FIFTH AVENUE CHIENGMAI
NEW YORK SIAM

The 26th of October 1916.

My dear Doctor Speer:,

Permit me to tender, not only Mrs. McKean and my own hearty congratulations but also those of the entire North Siam Mission upon your having completed a quarter of a century of service in the Board.

Your name is a household word in all Christian circles in all lands.

No doubt our most precious memories of you in North Siam will ever be your day at the Chiengmai Leper Asylum as you preached to and communed with the Leper Christians of Siam — and your presence among us in our homes and Conferences as in your prayers you talked with God for us and lifted us so tenderly to the Throne and brought us into rare communion with God.

We rejoice with you today, we bid you God speed and pray that you long may be spared for the Master's service.

With affectionate regards

Sincerely Yours

J. W. McKean.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156. Fifth Ave New York.

My dear Dr Speer:

The Japan Mission delights to join with your many friends in all parts of the world in congratulating you upon this 25th anniversary of the beginning of your great work in connection with the Board. The Mission regards itself as wonderfully blessed in having you as the Board's Secretary for Japan, for there is no living American who in the minds and hearts

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Dear Robert:

We need no anniversary, not even the twenty-fifth, to remind us of what you have been to the cause of Christ at home and abroad. We rejoice upon every remembrance of you.

It is so heartening to think of your peerless advocacy of the cause in winning hosts of young men and women to go to the ends of the earth and in holding clear before their minds and the leaders of the church the distinctive aims and purposes of foreign missions and in pressing down hard upon the conscience of every Christian the supreme claims of Christ. But to me and to those I know best of our whole force in China, your life has meant most as standing nearest our ideal of the fearless, unswerving and devoted follower of Christ and the unfailingly faithful friend. To face perplexing problems with you, to feel the grip of your hand gives one new hope and nerve for the fight. God give you ever renewing health and strength and power. . . Your life has meant more to me personally than I should ever try to express.

Very affectionately yours,

J. E. Williams

October 28, 1916

On behalf of our Board's missionaries in China.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

The West Africa Mission most sincerely congratulate you on the twenty-fifth aniversary of your entrance into the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. You have dignified the position by bringing to it the full consecration of yourself and all your powers.

We beleive that in this service your life has had the widest influence for the cause of Jesus Christ. We beleive that God called you to this service and has kept you in it these years and we trust it may be our privilege for many more years to have the relationship continued. Our secretaries are an inspiration to us and you have contributed you full share of that inspiration. All the furloughed missionaries of the West Africa Mission join in the expression of congratulation and all in the field would if they could.

Wm M. Dager
Sarah Shaw Dager.
Jean K. Mackenzie

Silas F. Johnson.
Laura M. Johnson
L.D. Stenninger.
Edna R. Stenninger
Adolph N. Krug.
Evelyn S. Krug.
Jacob A. Reis. Jr.
Eleanor N. Reis.
P.J. Kapteyn.
Beatrice Kapteyn.

Philadelphia,October3I,I9I6.

Robert E.Speer,D.D.,L.L.D.,

Secretary of thePresbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,

My dear Mr. Speer;

The knowledge of the early completion of the 25" year of your connection with the Foreign Mission Board of our church having been conveyed to me,I write on behalf of the mission to extend to you our most sincere and hearty congratulations. Your relation with the Korea mission has not,of course ,been so close and intimate as with those of other fields whose secretary you have been;and yet there have been occasions which have given us direct and most happy associations with you. Tho not a member of the mission at the time of your secretarial visit I9 years ago,I still recall the grateful remarks of others as they looked back to that inspiring time and time of happy personal fellowship. But my own memory is vivid and fragrant of your all too brief visit of last year. No one who was priveleged to hear your public addresses on that occasion but who will still be refreshed in their Christian life and stimulated in their Christian service by the redollection of their beauty and strength of their diction,thought,and spirit. And even in the mission conferences where thedifferences of years etandingregarding certain missionpoliciescontinued,your presence and spirit was an influence which will remain in strength long after thess perploxing questions have altogether disappeared. But also outside of,and even ante dating,our connection with the mission,tho possibly leading to it,I presume there are few of us who have not had some personal contact with you which we still treasure in our hearts as one of our precious experiences. Twenty five years of privelege and power as one of the foreign mission secretaries of that great church whose greatness is that it has alive to it's commission to give the Gospel of the world's Redeemer to that whole world!

To have assisted all these and other years as well in keeping alive and extending that epiritnot only in our own churchbut among the churches of the world,as you have done,is a gloryto which it is not easy to find anything comparable. Twenty five years of virile manhood-the priceless heritage of godly ancestry-given to bring the darkplaces of the world to a saving knowledgeof Christ who is it's light!

We of Korea cannot help extending, with others, our congratulations to you on the twenty fifth anniversary of your connection with our Board of Foreign Missions, and earnestly praying for ourselves, and for the cause of our Blessed Lord throughout the earth, that these twenty five years may be extended to, and beyond the year of jubilee, or happier still to the oriental cycle of sixty full years.

In behalf of the Mission, I am

Most Cordially Yours

Walter C. Smith

Dr. Robert E. Speer

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Our Dear Mr. Speer:

We are writing not to congratulate you upon your twenty-five years of happy service. Rather would we of the Mexico Mission try to express our joy and satisfaction because you have directly ministered unto us during so many of those blessed years.

When quarter-century anniversaries roll around, the old folks will reminiscence. How well we remember your first official handshake near the beginning of those twenty-five years! Our strong right arm ached for a week and our hearts still glow with the genuineness of it all. In those good old days most people condoled with raw missionary recruits or at best condoned them. Our Secretary did neither. He shook hands as if he meant it, he looked us straight in the eye, clear through to the back of our heads, and made us glad to go to the uttermost parts of the earth even unto the jumping off place.

We learned to know you well enough the first year of the twenty-five to understand your scorn of praise, however much you merited it, your contempt of phrases, be they ever so fine, if directed towards you. Thus we dare not tell you how well you have done your more than duty, how much our Secretary and always wise counselor has meant to us. In some of the blackest of black Mission hours when God Himself seemed far away, there was always one, "human yet divine", up at "156" of whom we felt sure. Charity might fail us, it did sometimes, but Robert E. Speer never! You have been true to your trust and to your wayward Mission at all times.

You have bought Butterick patterns for lonely missionary wives. You have helped equally isolated men to more bravely meet their Waterloos. When our conduct was that of spoiled children, when we behaved like four-year-olds instead of forty, you were long suffering and kind. Oftentimes you used logic and the sweetest of sweet reasonableness when we deserved the iron rod or at least a switch or your old slipper. When we grew too petty, when we groveled too deep in the mire, you helped us hitch our Missionary wagons to the stars and hauled us out and upward.

In short, Mr. Speer, you have been a delightful and helpful combination of friend, big brother, priest and prophet. We thank you for it and insist while opportunity offers upon telling you so whether you like it or not.

Failings you have. Only the immortals are exempt. But you and your Maker have managed to so overcome few faults by many virtues that the weaknesses lack courage to come to the surface. To the Mexico Mission, to all your Missions, to human eyes in general, unless perhaps to those of Mrs. Speer, your shortcomings have one and all donned the cap of invisibility. You stand forth in our grand old church, to the Church Universal, the pride and joy of all because of your faithful service, your consistent life, and your absolute loyalty to our Master in Whose service you are a kingly servant.

Sincerely and affectionately yours,

THE MEXICO MISSION

The Valley of Hearts Delight

November, 1916

New York, N. Y.
September 21, 1916

Dear Dr. Speer:

It is a great joy for me to write for the South Brazil Mission and bring its greetings to you on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your accepting the secretaryship of the Board. Especially so to me, as I look back to that time and remember the very varied comments made upon your decision and realize how indeed you were guided of God in your choice. At least such is, I believe, the unanimous opinion of the members of the South Brazil Mission. And we believe so, for the following reasons:

First - Your influence with the home constituency. God has given to you rare insight into the problems of the mission field and love for the souls of men. This enables you to present the problems to the church at home in such a way that it has learned to deeply respect your judgment as to the needs and to rally to the support of the Board in the meeting effectually these needs. When you say the church should take upon itself certain work, it trusts you and so comes into constantly larger vision and service. The missionaries on the field rejoice when they see you take up any of the varied problems of their different fields for they have confidence in your judgment and know the church will follow you in the course of action you recommend.

Second - Your influence with the missionaries themselves. The new missionary, about to leave for his first term of service, receives from the buoyant enthusiasm of your greeting, and farewell, an abiding sense of the heartfelt interest and sympathy of the New York office in him and his work, which will be of live value to him in some despondent day on the far firing line, when he is tempted to think that nobody cares anyhow. Then it comes as a new inspiration to remember that here in the New York office prayer and sympathy are unstinted. And then your letters, which begin with a sympathetic study of some problem about which the missionary has written to you, and close with some high invigorating thought from the noblest planes of service and life, are very oases to many a weary worker. We are often reminded of the words of Holy Writ, "as cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country". And your visits to the mission field cling as fragrant memories in all our hearts. We remember the incidents by the wayside; when your kindly humor has relieved the tedium of the weary way; when a word of prayer or some illuminating thought on a perplexing passage has given us a revelation of your fellowship with our Lord; when your presence in our homes has been a benediction to them, leaving hallowed memories for all days to come; when together we have sat in counsel over the problems which were just at finger's touch and realized your sympathy and deepest interest in them all; when you have brought to our people your "sweet messages from our dear Lord"; when your way of handling and treating the native brethren has shown us that to you all men are brethren indeed. Yea, your visits are a Godsend to the missionaries and we pray that they may more frequently be repeated.

So we give grateful thanks to God, from Whom cometh the grace which dwelleth in your life, as you have so faithfully taught us in your own humility, and we pray that great Head of the church to continue your health and strength of body and mind and to fill you more and more with His Spirit for the refreshing of other weary souls. May the twenty-five years be more than doubled in time, inspiration and glorious service. This is the fervent prayer of the South Brazil Mission and of your sincere friend,

Robert F. Lennington

Colombia Mission.
Bogotá, Colombia, So. Am.
October 26, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer,

It is my privilege and pleasure, on behalf of the Colombia Mission, to congratulate upon the completion of twenty-five years of service with our Board.

Only in part can we know how great this service has been, but we unite in deep and prayerful desire that God will continue to use and bless you, - and the Board thru you for many years more.

May we not also with our congratulations express our gratitude for your deep enthusiasm in enlisting the interest of the Church at home in Latin America?

Very cordially and sincerely,

Charles E Warren

The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations

124 East 28th Street, New York

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

November 6th 1916

My dear Robert,

Only today did I learn of the plan to commemorate the rounding out of your first twenty-five years of service with the Presbyterian Board. With your many, many friends I rejoice and thank our loving Father for all that He has enabled you to pour into these eventful years. What do not the world and the Kingdom of Christ owe to your visions, to your spiritual insight, to your statesmanlike proposals and measures, to your Christ-like example and to your burning advocacy! What I personally have received from the ever-deepening friendship and inner fellowship of these years, I can never adequately express. May you be carried from strength to strength by the same life-giving Lord through another twenty-five years of glorious life and service.

Affectionately your friend

John R. Mott

Dr Robert E. Speer

117 West 55th St. Nov. 1!

My dear Mr. Speer

For the twenty-five
years of faithful service in the
cause of Foreign Missions I thank
& congratulate you & hope you will
be spared to complete your semi-
centennial in the same good
work than which there is none
more remunerative in its
associations & friendships and
its contributions to the advancement

of Christ's Kingdom.

In your uniform kindness and courtesy in all our intercourse I thank you & however much fortune my appearance in your office might be I have never been allowed to feel that it was so and your cordial greeting has always been ready.

Please do not feel that this needs any reply and believe me with sincere regard, Your friend

Henrietta W. Hubbard

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23rd September, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156, Fifth Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY.

My dear Speer,

I have learned with deep interest that you will shortly celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of your service as one of the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. I wish to add my personal congratulations to those which will reach you from all parts of the world. I do not know anyone who is more widely esteemed and loved in missionary circles throughout the world than yourself. What you are and what you have done have been an inspiration to me ever since I have had the privilege of knowing you, and the thought of you has often brought encouragement to me when I have been down-hearted. This is no formal expression of regard but a sincere utterance of what I deeply feel. I pray that God, if it be His will, may grant you another quarter of a century of even more fruitful service than that of the twenty-five years in which His goodness to you has been so manifest.

With warmest regard and affection,

I am,
Yours very sincerely,

J H Oldham

FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE
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W. HENRY GRANT, Secretary
Telephone 405 Gramercy

25 MADISON AVENUE
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October 26. 1916

Dear Robert E. Speer:

I am informed that your advent to the office of Secretary was Nov. 1. 1891 upon a Sunday which I spent in Bitlis, Turkey on the way from northern Persia to Alexandretta. The plans for the Foreign Missions Conference were made in the Autumn of 1892.

It is good to differ and remain friends. It is good also to agree and be comrades. We have enjoyed this second estate in our fellowships in the Foreign Missions Conference for twenty-four out of your twenty-five years of service with the Board of Foreign Missions. During all that period we have entertained the same ideas as to the functions of the Conference and its stimulative value to the deeper study and insight into Mission problems, while I believe with an ever increasing sense of the greatness and sanctity of the missionary service.

Of those who attended the first Conference on January 12. 1893 as representatives of the Presbyterian Church, North, only you and I and Dr. Nassau of Gaboon remain in the fight - and it is a good fight.

There is not room enough left on this page to more than remind you of the part you have had in the constructive work of the Conference and of the beginnings of a science of missions of which furnishes a page and of the wholesome greetings and sense of brotherhood you have contributed and often prayer I can have offered on its behalf. With hearty congratulations and desire for many years more of service. Sincerely & faithfully Yours W Henry Grant Secretary

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York City,

October 10, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Your Twenty-Fifth Anniversary recalls the many happy years you and I have spent together in common service with only the ceiling of my room to divide us. That you have been a good comrade all these years, and have ever been ready to help along any cooperative lines in home and foreign missions, I am very ready to testify. That you have given foreign missions a standing in our Church and, I may add, throughout the world, it never had before, the whole Christian Church of all denominations is ready to testify.

And while your friends are thinking all these things in view of your service of a quarter of a century, the thing they most like to have in mind is the fact that you are a prince of good fellows, that your heart is as big as your head, which is saying a whole lot, and that the longer we know you the more we love you.

Praying for all blessings upon you and your work for the next quarter of a century, count me

Affectionately yours,

C L Thompson

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Ludington, Mich.
Sept. 12, 1916.

Dear Speer:-

I hear that you are to complete a quarter of a century as one of the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions on November 1st, and I take time by the forelock so as to be sure to have my greetings reach you on that occasion. My first thought of you is always one of thankfulness that you visited the Harvard Christian Association as you did in the Spring of my junior year, 1890. That was while I still expected to study Law; for you made the case for foreign missions so plain that I volunteered, not knowing whether the field would be Africa or China, or whether the service would be medicine or teaching. That was a real turning point for me, as you know. But you followed it up in the way you, almost alone, seem able to do, & I have never lost the sense of your friendship. Of late years I have been seeing more of what your life work means, not only to your own Board and Church; but to the world-wide Kingdom. I pray that you may have health & vigor to continue the service you are rendering, & that your vision of the whole world as changed and ennobled because a few have claimed the privilege of their inheritance as Sons who pray may be realized. The heights of Europe, the dangers from non-Christian, the need of the great non-Christian world, of which China, the land of my adoption, is so large a part, all cry aloud, waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God.

May you be glad with the Light and Peace and Power and Love of our blessed Master Himself upon and in you. Truly, it is good to have lived in our generation; & the Best is yet to be!

With Love more than words can express
from your old friend
L. H. Hoag

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NASHVILLE, TENN. October 21, 1916.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer,-

I desire to join with others of your brethren in congratulating you on the completion of twenty-five years of service as Secretary of your Foreign Board. For twenty-four of those years one of the greatest sources of satisfaction and joy in my work has been that of association with you in this service. Many a time I have felt like thanking God for the special gifts which He bestowed on you for this service, and for the grace which He has given you to use them in a spirit of such whole-hearted consecration.

To have had the privilege of giving twenty-five years of such service as you have rendered and still be in the prime of a vigorous manhood, with your remaining years to be spent in dealing with the problems of the greatest era in the world's history, with all the experience of this past twenty-five years to help you in dealing with them wisely, is a rare and glorious privilege indeed.

It is a matter of very special gratification to me that, while your Church and mine are still found maintaining their separate existence and work on the home field, we have been able to conduct our joint work on the foreign field as practi-

cally one. I feel that nothing has contributed more to this end than the cordial relations of personal friendship that have existed between you and the other members of your secretarial body and the representatives of our Executive Committee.

With affectionate regards and best wishes,

Truly your friend,

F. N. Chester

Secretary.

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Toronto, October 24, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

It seems scarcely possible that twenty-five years have passed since you undertook the responsibilities of your office. Time has dealt gently with you. At this pace you, like Moses at his age, will have eye undimmed and natural strength unabated. Whether that be so or not, like Moses you have been a leader of men, and in even a greater campaign. Allow me most cordially to congratulate you on the splendid and far reaching influences of your life. In the Missionary expansion of the last twenty-five years, your personality and work have been most potent factors.

We in Canada have shared in your generous and beneficent services, and in the name of all Canadian Churches, I wish to thank you. May your days be many and brighter as they pass until you reach the perfect day.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

R. P. MacKay

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October 24th, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer:

The privileges of friendship are rich indeed; few more so than that of sharing the joy of all your friends on the completion of twenty-five years of unbroken service in the administration of the important missionary interests of the Presbyterian Church. The senior of us all, and by common consent the premier, we hail you on this auspicious day.

We are grateful for the service and the leadership and we earnestly hope they will long be vouchsafed to us.

For myself I am truly grateful that I have been permitted to enter intc the atmosphere of mutual affection and admiration that existed between Dr. Cobb and you.

May God's good hand be upon you in the years to come, as it has so manifestly been in these twenty-five years that have passed, in a fellowship and a service which have meant so much to us and to the cause we all hold so dear.

With very cordial regards,

Yours most sincerely,

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.. October 24, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

On November 1st, 1916, I am told, it will be twenty-five years since you began your great work as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

As the Secretary of the Board of a sister Church I crave the privilege as well as the pleasure of extending to you my most hearty congratulations. If the members of our Board knew of this anniversary occasion in your official life I am sure they would wieh me to extend to you their best wishes and high regards.

You are one of the few men in the work of Foreign Missions whose name needs no prefix or suffix when you are introduced to an audience in any part of the habitable globe. By your frequent visits to the Mission Fields, your able writings and your eloquent addresses, you are well known throughout the Chrietian World.

As a Secretary, you enjoy the confidence and affection of the members of all the Boards of Foreign Missions. As an administrator, you are held in high esteem by the missionaries of all denominations. Among the young men and women of our nation, your influence has been increasing with every passing year.

We all feel that you are one of God's chosen servants to lead His people into world-wide service. May your life be spared for many years to your Board. May every blessing attend you in your abundant labors.

With high regards, I remain,

Affectionately youre,

Allen R. Bartholomew

Secretary.

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Sept. 25, 1916.

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

A rumor is in circulation that you are soon to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of your entrance upon the Secretaryship of the Presbyterian Board. When one takes note of the things accomplished by way of books written and administrative and personal work achieved, he can well believe that you have held your high position of influence and leadership for much more than a quarter of a century. But when he meets you face to face and notes your vigor and promise of at least thirty years of the same great service, he is inclined to deny the allegation of twenty-five years and call it a libel. You are, I believe, the Senior Missionary Secretary in the United States, in spite of the fact that the Congregationalists recently referred to you as the Junior Secretary of the Presbyterian Board.

I find that in the report of the Foreign Missions Conference of 1893, the first general conference held, only Dr. R. P. MacKay, among the Secretaries who were present, is still in office as Secretary and I believe there is no

other Secretary who held his position then, who is now an active Secretary of any Mission Board in North America. You have witnessed mighty changes also in the foreign field and in the line of co-operation at home and abroad, and have had a large share in bringing about these changes. Interdenominational co-operation at home and abroad, self-support, advance of the native ministry, growth and independence of the native church, entrance into new territory, coordination of different missionary operations are among but a few of the advances covered by your official career. How worth while it has all been! I am confident that the next twenty-five years will mark still greater strides in every department of missionary endeavor, in which you, please God, will have an increasing share in furthering.

Personally and on behalf of the American Board, I congratulate you upon reaching this milestone which marks progress on the highway to a worthy goal beyond. You have been to me and a great circle besides, an inspiration to untiring labor, true devotion; and for your personal strength, devoted service and congenial companionship, we all thank God and take courage.

Yours most fraternally,

James L. Barton

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NEW YORK September 22, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer,

I believe that on November 1st you will have reached the twenty-fifth anniversary of your appointment as secretary of the Foreign Board of the Presbyterian Church.

I would like for you to know that with all those who look for His coming, I rejoice in the good work that you have been permitted to do. I suppose you less than any other concerned would realize how large a part you have had in the development of the Christian consciousness of our country and the increasing sense of responsibility of all the Churches for bringing the Revelation of the Father to the nations. It is clearly observed in all the Churches. Some day you will know and rejoice.

It is pleasant to me to think of the anniversary falling on All Saints Day. It will help you to be conscious of the multitude of witnesses who look on while you work, and it will give you courage for the valuable service for which I trust you will be given strength for many years to come.

Faithfully yours,

A. S. Lloyd

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
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September 18, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D. D.,
New York City.

Dear Doctor Speer:

As your friends look back over the twenty-five years of your Secretaryship, they thank and praise God for all that you have been as a Christian man and for all that you have been enabled by God's grace to do for the furtherance of the interests of the Kingdom. I believe no other man of your time has done more or as much as you have done to stir up Christian people to carry the gospel to all mankind. As an advocate of missions you have had no peer. You have been heard by hundreds of thousands. What you have written has been read wherever the English language is spoken. You have been used of God to lead many young people in the colleges and universities to volunteer for the field. You have been used in a large way to lead men and women of ample means to give liberally for the maintenance and enlargement of the work. You have brought cheer and courage to the hearts of missionaries in all parts of the world. You have influenced young men in every profession to live clean and consistent Christian lives. You have been among the foremost Christian leaders

of the past quarter of a century.

No man has spoken more eloquently or more effectively in support of Christian union. You have seen the connection between missions and the union of all believers, and you have made many others see the same thing.

Ever since your visit to Bethany College, while you were serving as a Travelling Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, I have known and honored and loved you. I am grateful to God for what you have been to me and for what I have learned from you. In the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your public service, I wish to have some share. I want to rejoice with you and with all dear to you, and to pray that God may do for you far exceeding abundantly above all that I can ask or think.

With kindest personal regards and every good wish, I remain,

Yours very truly,

A. McLean.

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D. D.,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Permit a few words of appreciation from a sincere friend. It is a joy and an inspiration to have been associated with you during the years of your Missionary Secretaryship. Your brotherliness, uniform courtesy, and spirit of fairness have done more than you can realize to keep open the avenues of sympathy between yourself and hundreds of missionaries and native workers to whom you have ministered, as well as those related to you officially and otherwise in the home land.

I feel profoundly grateful that in a life of incessant activity and heavy drain upon one's reserve forces, there has been with you so deep and vital a sense of God leading ever to a stronger faith, a growing breadth of vision and a firmer grasp of the truth. It is in this way that in the growth of your own life you have ever had a more real share in the growth of the Kingdom.

In the providence of God you were instrumental, more than any other, in bringing about the Panama Congress. Whether as Chairman of Committees in preparation for it, or as the Presiding Officer of the sessions themselves, we

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have recognized the fitness of it all. What is far better, we came to realize that back of you was the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ was made preeminently the Person in whom all our hopes for the future of Latin America centered.

He it is whom you have delighted to honor during these twenty-five years of unremitting service. It is to Him and the excellency of His grace and mighty power, making request for you with joy, that I commend you this day, praying that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment..... being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

With sincere and affectionate regards, I remain,

Your friend and brother,

Walter R. Lambuth

Oakdale, Calif.,

November 1, 1916.

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THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Dr. Robert E. Spear,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Doctor:-

I am reminded of the fact that you are closing your twenty-fifth year of service as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church and beg to present my heartiest felicitation. You have crowded all the days of these years with high thinking and have interpreted your ideals of life in words and deeds appropriate. Your counsels, your prayers, your fine example have made easier even to the weary the upward climb. To those upon the outermost rim you have been made a blessing; to those who have felt the glow of your personal friendship, there has been not only the helpfulness of a personality loyal to highest things but the sympathetic touch of a great heart enriching the very content of that good old word friend.

You are strong and eager; may there be for you long years of increasing usefulness and under the blessing of Him whom you serve and whom you have helped to make more real to men may the best days be yet before you.

Blessings unnumbered be upon you and the great cause to which you have given this quarter of a century gone.

Affectionately,

F. J. McConnell.

The Bishops' Meeting
Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 27, 1916

My dear Mr. Speer:

You are approaching the close of a quarter of a century's service as a Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. I congratulate both you and the Board. It would be difficult for me to express my appraisal of you as a man, a spiritual leader and missionary statesman without causing you disquiet. But at the risk of alarming your extreme modesty I must say that my Methodist soul grows warm within me when I consider what it has meant to the world to have such a man amongst the directing minds of a great Mission Board.

In my association with you I have found, not only a penetrating mind saturated with knowledge - but one that ceaselessly searches into the fundamental terms of the problems before you. You are therefore invaluable as a counselor and most impressive as a speaker.

But what, with me, has caused early esteem to deepen into Christian affection is, that above all you are a warm-hearted, gentle-souled Christian gentleman.

Again hearty congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

W. F. Oldham

Bishop- Methodist-Episcopal Church.

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October 26, 1916.,

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Doctor Speer:

As you pass your twenty-fifth secretarial milestone, permit me to offer a word of sincere congratulation for the distinguished service you have rendered the cause of missions. Your influence has overflowed the bounds of your own denomination and made you a trusted ally of all who seek to advance the Kingdom. I congratulate you that you have not only witnessed the most important twenty-five years in the development of modern missions, but that you have had so large and so worthy a part in shaping and guiding that development.

Speaking for myself and for my co-workers and people, I can say with all candor and sincerity we love you as a brother, trust you as a clear-visioned and unselfish leader, and honor you for your service and devotion to the Kingdom.

May you be mercifully spared for another quarter of a century.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. W. Pinson

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My dear Dr. Agnew:

I am only one in a great multitude who are grateful for the service you have been enabled to render during the last twenty-five years and more. As you approach the day which marks

as a comrade and brother in every good work, so far as time and strength will allow; but especially do we feel grateful for your part, under God, in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom in non-Christian lands. Heaven bless you with strength and wisdom

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your [illegible] help
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We all love you
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October 23rd, 1916.

Dr. R. E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

It has just come to my knowledge, that you are about completing your Twenty-Fifth Year of Service as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

I had not realized that so many years had slipped by. I was under the impression, that you began your secretarial work about the same time that I did, but I learn, that you are seven years ahead of me, tho I always thought, that we were about the same age,- 53.

May I in my own name, as well as in the name of our Board, extend to you most heartfelt and sincere congratulations to you as you complete this first quarter of a century in the work so closely identified with the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom? Your work has been signally blest, and its beneficent influence has extended far beyond the borders of your own denomination. In a very literal sense you belong to the Christian World and all of us have profited by what you have done in the name of the Lord.

May He continue to use you in His own way and continue to bless you and to make of you a blessing!

I count it a privilege to have become personally acquainted with you, to have been asaociated with you in various ways during the past 18 years, and I beg to assure you of my high personal regard.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul de Schweinitz

Secretary of Missions of the Moravian Church in America.

N. B. This letter has not been dictated. It has been written by my own fingers. P. de S.

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DAYTON, OHIO Oct. 21, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156-5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I count it a real joy to unite with your many friends in thanksgiving to God for your life of great service during the past twenty-five years. You have taken into your own heart the needs of the neglected peoples of the earth, and you have challenged the churches of the world to supply those needs. I know of no other man who has done more than you have done to awaken and call into action the churches of Christendom for world evangelization.

Through your strong personality and addresses, and through your excellent books and contributed articles you have exerted a powerful influence over the present leadership at home and abroad.

I shall ever be grateful for the privilege of being counted one of your friends, and of having had such helpful interviews and messages from you in times of need.

With unbounded love to you, and gratitude to God for having given you to this generation of Christian workers, and believing that with you "the best is yet to be", I am

Most sincerely,

S. S. Hough

Morristown N.J.
10 mo. 20. 1916

Dr Robert E. Speer
New York -

My dear Dr Speer -

I count it a privilege to join with your other friends in greeting you on this occasion - and thanking you for all you have done in the past twenty five years in inspiring men and women all over the world in effort to spread a knowledge of the gospel to those who are ignorant of it -

With earnest desires for continued blessing upon your life and labors -

Sincerely your friend
Asa S. Wing

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RICHMOND, VA., October 10, 1916

Mr. Robert E. Speer,

156-5th Ave.,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:-

With all my heart I congratulate you upon being permitted to see the twenty-fifth anniversary of your service as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A. These have been twenty-five eventful years in missionary progress and God has used you wonderfully in helping to shape these events. All of your friends are deeply appreciatative of the high quality of leadership you have exercised so effectively and so fraternally. We love you and appreciate the great work you have done.

I must say that you have during these years brought many a spiritual blessing to me, personally, and your wise counsel has often helped me in my work. My grateful affection for you has deepened with the years. I thank you and I thank God for you.

I hope to have the privilege and pleasure of congratulating you upon the celebration of the second quarter of the century in the Secretarial service of your Board.

May God richly bless you.

Cordially yours,

R/W

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October 24th 1916.

Dear Dr Speer,

With deep sincerity I write to extend to you congratulations on the completion of twenty five years of service as a Missionary Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of your Church.

These years have truly and notably made for the permanent uplift and enrichment of Missionary work in all lands and in connection with all Societies. We give humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for your life, and pray that He may continue for many long years to keep your eyes in strength.

Very cordially Yours
James Endicott.

MELITA,
BOURNEMOUTH, W.
Sept 21st 1916

My Dear Dr. Speer

I hear that you are on the point of completing the twenty-fifth year of your Secretaryship of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and I should like to be allowed to join your many friends who will be offering to you their hearty congratulations. In my case, certainly, they are not only hearty but grateful, as I recall how often your speaking & writing have been an inspiration to me. And I should like to add your

The International Committee of
Young Men's Christian Associations
124 East 28th Street, New York

Oct 25th 1916

Office of the
Consulting General Secretary

Dear Robert,

The grateful thoughts of these twenty-four years of fruitful service carries me behind them to those earliest days at Northfield, when we two began the strong fellowship in work among students and student volunteers, which has been a stay and staff to me in whatever relation I have had to that work & has blossomed for me into a precious enduring friendship. How surely the years have gone. It is hard to realize that so many could have flown by & left us so young! Most heartily I congratulate you upon what these years, through God's blessing, have brought to the ever growing multitude you have served in Christ's name & spirit.

But we believe the best is yet to come to us from Him. So even more heartily I congratulate you that in the years ahead the best we have yet known is to be experienced in the extension of the Kingdom & in obedience to our Lord's last command.

In the prayerful hope of such years of greater achievement by the Church militant, suffering & triumphant & with joy in the thought of your continued & glorious part in her endeavor

Ever affectionately
your fellow worker
Richard C. Morse

To
Dr. Robert E. Speer

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Dear Mr. Iyer — May say that when next Wednesday morning comes, you will have served as a Secretary for a quarter of a century. Will you accept my congratulations for these many, fine, good years and my good wishes for those that are yet to be?

As I write — my memory runs back over more than twenty-five years to a visit you made for the Y.M.C.A. to the college where I was a student. I admitted your profession specifically in coming there, but I got over it — but one person who had desired very much to go to India — was where my own Master had taken from that time a willingness to remain at home if need be.

What was to our thoughts — not in justice but as a whole: Spicy I know but to read. Even it is good to have memorials recall the points at the beginning. Thank you for your help — and with every good wish —

Yours sincerely — Mabel Cratty

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Oct 25-16

Dear Pat - Congratulations! Such as there were offered - and one never has an opportunity of offering again to think for years of stalwart loving service to the Board - but in & through & beyond that official service think for years of steadily glowing personal service to worlds of individuals who see the love & strength of Christ in you - & coming to you for help have never failed to receive such inspiration & wisdom - What you have meant of virile inspiration to me ever since I first heard you speak "East is East & West is West" - what you have meant to every organized Christian group of which I've been a member - the College Women of Phoenix - the State Centennial & National Y. W. C. A. - & more especially the N.Y. City Y. W. C. A. - I will not attempt to make you understand - Our reverence & love have grown steadily as you have grown in the wisdom & stature of God. - May the coming years bring you even a fuller richer life - & distinctively - Ever Scott Cushman

James Wood,
President

American Bible Society,
Bible House, Astor Place,
New York,

Oct. 26th 1916

My dear Dr. Speer;

As you approach a milepost of peculiar interest in your important life work I desire to congratulate you upon what you have accomplished and to wish you God speed for a like period of future service. I hope the period may be longer.

Being connected with another branch of the Church from that with which you are associated I wish to express my appreciation, and also that of many of my fellow members, of the broad catholicity of your attitude toward all who are fellow-workers for our Lord, and your sympathetic interest in all sincere endeavors for the advancement of His Kingdom. While we rejoice in your spiritual and intellectual powers we always experience a refreshing pleasure in noting how human you are in your sympathies and your intercourse with your fellow men.

Very truly Yours

James Wood

New York City, Nov. 1st, 1916.

Dear Mr. Speer:—

We are rejoicing with you today on your completion of twenty five years of service in your world parish. What a blessed experience! May it be of cheer to you to realize that your friends scattered from your own mission rooms to the ends of earth, are rejoicing with you in this hour, thanking the good Father for what you have been to them and praying Him to give you yet more of His Spirit for the accomplishing of the ever enlarging task He is placing upon you!

As much as other parts of the world claim you, Latin America feels that you are particularly ours. Yours has been the voice, more than any other human call, that has awakened the Church to its duty toward these long neglected lands. It is not too much to say that next to the name of Jesus our Saviour, yours is the name that gives most assurance to the missionary workers in Latin America that full opportunity will be given for the Gospel to run and be glorified among these beloved peoples!

As to my own personal feelings in regard to this twenty fifth anniversary, may I venture to say, Dear Friend, that you are the one man to whom it is always difficult for me to write without employing the terms of a lover addressing his sweetheart?

May the good God of us all give you twenty five more years, even more fruitful in your present position of honor and opportunity! And throughout the years, remember, Dear Friend, that my heart and hand are ever ready to serve you, and through you, our common Lord.

Affectionately Yours,

J. E. Inman

Mr. Robt. E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.,
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November 1, 1916

My dear Robert,

I wish to extend to you my heartiest congratulations upon this the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of your connection with the Foreign Missions Board of a great church. To remain twenty-five years in a position of such conspicuous service is in itself a great attainment; to be a great missionary administrator in these days of rich opportunity is a thing to be desired; to be a great advocate always in demand, a great writer with an ever-increasing throng of inspired readers must be a satisfaction of a rare sort.

But for none of these do I congratulate you most, my heartiest felicitations are reserved for this,--that in all the rush and pressing cares of these crowded years you have lived always in the "house by the side of the road" and been a faithful friend to the men who have passed by. You have never been too busy to lend the helping hand and thus to interpret the Christian spirit in a world so sadly in need of this.

May you in the next twenty-five years continue to exalt spiritual values and thus your life prove an ever-increasing joy and inspiration is my most earnest wish and prayer.

Your sincere friend,

W. B. Millar

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October 24th, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer,

May the rich blessing continue to rest upon you that has been so conspicuous during the last quarter of a century. I know of no one who has put heart into more student volunteers and missionaries. There has always been a buoyant and gladsome spirit about you which has been contagious and helpful because of the faith you manifest, a "faith that will not shrink" and a courage that makes plain Whose you are and Whom you serve.

Your addresses and books have been a comfort and joy and your strength, steadfastness and loyalty give a rich promise for many years of useful service.

It has been a privilege to be associated with you on the Executive Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, where your counsel has been of the greatest importance.

May the best wishes of a host of your friends be fully realized.

Faithfully yours,

E E Olcott

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Nineteen Sixteen

Dear Doctor Speer:

It seems incredible that twenty-five years have elapsed since you came to the position you occupy. And yet if time is "measured by deeds, not figures on a dial," how long and multiplied have been these years! I recall well when you first assumed the duties of your office, and followed your enlarging life and service with deepening interest before ever I enjoyed your personal acquaintance and friendship. Since that joy came to me I have treasured it with miser care, fearful lest by some fault or failing of mine it should slip away.

But you have been a friend to me. Now and again a note comes with the subscription, "Affectionately yours, Robert E. Speer",- and then I grow a bit even in my own estimation, and step like one who walks with princes.

I join the great host of your friends everywhere in greetings upon this anniversary. It were folly to attempt an appreciation of your work; only congratulation to the Church and to the world, with the wish that, as the years advance into the next quarter of a century, the gray of silver may grow into the glow and glory of gold. I may be a bit aged if in the flesh I see that day. But if I should not, in the light of the eternal morning I shall hope again to join in hail of an unbroken friendship and an unintermitted interest in the work in which for a time in some measure we have been permitted here to unite.

Wishing you the continuing grace of successful service, with love to you and Mrs. Speer, believe me,

Yours very truly,

E. W. Halford

To -
Doctor Robert E. Speer,
Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions,
Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION MOVEMENT
156 FIFTH AVENUE
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OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY

October 25. 1916

My dear Mr. Speer:

One of my first recollections of you dates from a Northfield Student Summer Conference auditorium meeting, somewhere between 1895 and 1898. You spoke on "Remember Jesus Christ". The message brought me untold blessing. I have thought of the inspiration of that hour hundreds of times, as many that date you have brought new truth to bear on my life.

Perhaps a greeting acknowledging my everlasting indebtedness to you is the best kind of a message in congratulating the Cause of Missions and the entire Church of Christ on the completion by you of twenty-five years of service in the Board. May the next twenty-five be as happy for you as it will be to all your friends.

Faithfully J. W. Decker

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October 25, 1916.

Dear Robert:-

The twenty-fifth anniversary of your connection with the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions as Corresponding Secretary gives me the opportunity to express my appreciation of what you have meant to the Student Volunteer Movement and to me personally.

As a student volunteer at Princeton during your undergraduate days, as a traveling secretary of the Movement during the year 1888-1889, and as a member of our Advisory Council, you have had a large share in forming the policy of the Movement and holding it true to the principles which have been fundamental in its work. As a speaker at the Quadrennial Conventions of the Movement, at the Student Summer Conferences and other student gatherings, God has wonderfully used you to deepen the spiritual life of students and to lay on them a burden of responsibility for the evangelization of the world. On the Foreign Field, in the Christian ministry, and in other forms of Christian service are many workers who are there because of your messages to which they listened during their student days.

Personally I owe much to you: for inspiration in my own Christian life, and for the help and sympathetic counsel which you have always so unselfishly given to me as General Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement.

May God make you during the years which follow a greater and greater blessing to men everywhere.

Very sincerely yours,

Fennell P. Turner

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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New York, November 1st 1916

My dear Dr. Shaw -

Accept heartiest congratulations from the pioneer Woman's Board of Missions, of which the saintly Mrs. Greenman was so long the head, on this happy occasion of twenty-five years of devoted, consecrated service to our Lord the Christ whom you so delight to honor.

May your joy in Him ever be your strength.

Faithfully yours
Marie Haines Broadwell
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
City.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing this word of heartfelt congratulation upon the completion of your twenty-five years of service to the great cause of missions, as the Secretary of this Association which has so greatly benefited by your counsel, and especially by your spirit of sympathy which has leaped over denominational bonds and which has sought to see the whole work of the whole field.

I am writing you, too, as one who in his own ideals and in the motive power of his life has drawn from your writings and from your life, inspirations which cannot be calculated. It was through the reading of one of your addresses relating to the childhood and women of the Orient and their utter need that I felt impelled to do all that was possible for the uplift of the home in that great field through the Sunday School. Your devotional books have also made a great contribution to my life. I trust that we shall both be in this great work at the time of your golden anniversary.

Sincerely yours,

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My dear Dr. Speer,-

I have just learned that the twenty-fifth anniversary of your services as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church is close at hand, and I sincerely desire to add my word of congratulation to the many that you will doubtless receive on that occasion.

What a wonderful quarter of a century the last has been, - so full of world-stirring events, and, above all, so full of triumphs for the Kingdom of our Lord, especially in missionary lands. It must be a great source of satisfaction that you have had so large a part in leading these growing missionary hosts throughout the world, and in putting the impress of your life on so many thousands of people in many lands.

That the first of November may be not only the close of ~~the~~ your first quarter century of service, but the beginning of another quarter century, equally fruitful, is the hope and expectation of

Your sincere friend,

Francis E. Clark

President, The World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
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October 20th, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Will you allow me to join with others in congratulating you upon reaching your twenty-fifth year of service in connection with the Presbyterian Board? This I do in no perfunctory manner. The position, you have held all of these years, has honored you; but far more, you have honored it. I earnestly thank God that this has been so abundantly true.

I have good reason, from a personal standpoint, to hold you in loving and grateful remembrance. Your life touched mine in early days when I needed incitement and dedication, first at a little meeting at Westfield, and then at a larger meeting at Indianapolis. It so influenced me on those occasions toward the ways of the Lord, that life and service took on a new meaning from that time onward. May I take this occasion to thank you heartily for what you have been to me, thus and otherwise? You may be sure that I shall never cease to remember you before God, and that my petition will ever include Mrs. Speer and your children.

Wishing you length of days and an ever increasing experience of those joys which are in God's presence and those pleasures which are at His right hand,

Believe me,

Your sincere friend,

Henry W. Frost

P. S. Being in quarantine on account of my son's sickness, I cannot sign this, which kindly pardon.

H. W. F.

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My dear Mr. Speer:—

As the waves on the incoming tide marks the sands higher and higher, so your twenty-five years of service in the cause of Missions home made wide and eternal impressions on the sands of time, in the hearts of countless numbers of your fellow men and on the shore lines of the World.

The value of a life that spans the World for Christ cannot be estimated - and there are few who both arrive and attain.

I greatly appreciate, therefore, being numbered among your friends who would do you honor at this time.

I also congratulate the Presbyterian Board and the church at large for all you have been to them and all others, like myself, whom you have inspired and encouraged.

With the earnest prayer for God's richest blessing and many years of continued service — I am —

Most sincerely yours —

Florence E. Montgomery

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Oct. 21st 1916

Dear Mr. Speer:-

On behalf of the officers and Board of our Association, and personally, I wish to convey to you our congratulations and good-wishes on the completion of your twenty-fifth year of service, not only to the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, but to American and World Christianity. Our prayer is, that God may long spare you to help in the winning of this stricken world to the Kingdom of God.

Yours Sincerely
Robert G. Boville

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2109 Broadway
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Robert E.Speer D.D.
156 Fifth Ave.,N.Y.

My dear Dr.Speer:

I ask the privilege of joining with the multitude of friends who are sending to you their sincere congratulations at the completion of a full quarter of a century as a Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

It was your happy experience to find early in life your appointed work, and you have diligently cultivated it ever since. You also soon discovered that there was no real seperation between Mission work at home and abroad; "The field is the World".

You have also aided in demonstrating that the Servant of Christ who labors successfully in one part of the field, is the better equipped to accomplish still greater results in other parts.

You have been one of the chosen Heralds to go before the face of your Lord, to publish abroad his message that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, and your wide mission has now extended by voice or by pen, to every Continent and to all people.

You have delighted to declare that the whole duty of man is to love God supremely, and our neighbor as ourselvs; and then to grasp the conviction that every human being is our neighbor.

We pray that you may be spared yet many years more to proclaim this blessed Gospel.

Very sincerely yours,

D. Stuart Dodge

CLEVELAND H. DODGE
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99 JOHN STREET.

October 25th 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer

Having watched your career from the early days at Princeton I am better able, than almost any one else, to know and realize the great service which you have rendered to the young men of the world and the Kingdom of Christ in all these years

God has given you great gifts & opportunities which you have wonderfully used, & I thank God for all you have done

May He spare you for many more years of growing usefulness is the heartfelt prayer of

Yours gratefully

Cleveland H. Dodge

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My dear Speer

This is the kind of letter one wishes to write by hand for it is so much from the heart. It is with the deepest feelings of gratitude to you and to God that I join in the chorus of felicitations which will break forth on November first, your twenty fifth anniversary.

First of all I must give expression to my own personal sense of personal indebtedness to you. How you have helped me in my own life across these twenty five years! If I were to try to analyze your special contribution to my life, I would be led to emphasize at least these things: deepening to me the consciousness of the reality and leadership and companionship of the Living Christ; emphasizing the need of whole views of life and truth; and finally a ministry of constant helpfulness which has ever seemed to me to be a satisfying fulfilment of our Lord's promise in John 7: 38. Of course I would not write these

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things if they were not very emphatic facts in my life because of which I am most grateful both to you and to God.

Then, of course, there is that great world of public missionary service, where you have been such a tower of strength to so many of us. Here, two distinct contributions you have made impress me. You have ever called us back from our pursuit of better methods and organizations to the discovery and appropriation of fresh resources of spiritual power; from tactics to dynamics; from method to power. Then too you have helped our united missionary efforts by your wonderful union of spiritual power with sheer intellectual strength; so many of us reach such limited levels of intellectual power and thoroughness in our earnest and sincere religious activities.

Lastly, a word for the days to come. Of course, I wish you many many years of continued and increasing richness in both life and service. I have often remembered

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you & Mott in prayer that with the heavy burdens you carry, you might not break or fail in physical strength, mental vigor or spiritual resource. I somehow feel that in Christian living and in missionary service too there are higher levels unoccupied, unexperienced by the great majority and which are meant after all to be the common levels on which God's children should live. Only as some strong, brave souls reach up to these higher levels and thus introduce others to them, will the whole level of Christian living & of Christian service be lifted. With the grace and gifts of our Lord already granted to you so richly (as some of us think), my prayer is that in the coming years God may so use you to open wide to the Church and to us all new truth and life, new viewpoints and conceptions of the will of God, that your record of the past twenty five years will appear but a mere foundation for some wonderful superstructure of the next twenty five.

As ever Sincerely C. R. Watson

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October 23, 1916

Dear Dr. Speer:

It is not easy to realize that more than twenty-five years have passed since I first knew of you and began to rejoice in you as a leader of students in the great work of Christian Missions. As an active member of the Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance, in its early days, I had great satisfaction when that earlier movement was merged into the Student Volunteer Movement under the inspiring leadership of Robert E. Speer and John R. Mott. No man has done more to advance the work of foreign missions than you have. The missionary world respects you, trusts you, and loves you. Personally and on behalf of my associates of the China Medical Board, I congratulate you on this twenty-fifth anniversary of your secretaryship, and rejoice that you are still a young man with at least twenty-five more years of service before you.

With warm personal regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Wallace Buttrick

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
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October 28, 1916

My dear Dr. Speer:

I am grateful for the opportunity offered by your Twenty-fifth Anniversary of service with the Presbyterian Board, and with the church at large, to send you a message which expresses my constant thought for several years.

One of the gratifying compensations of my own work has been the opportunity of seeing you so often and of receiving helpful counsel and advice from a man whom I had admired from afar in my university life and in my pastorate.

Often corrective but never censorious, always frank but never wounding, making one humble sometimes but never humiliating, your own strength has been thus imparted without ever breaking the bruised reed or quenching the smoking flax.

Pleasant as it is, however, to speak these personal words, I must not hesitate to speak representatively for the evangelical churches of the nation, to express their gratitude for the incomparable service which you have rendered to the church throughout the world.

Faithfully yours,

Charles S. Macfarland

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70 FIFTH AVENUE
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October 27, 1916

Dear Dr Speer

I want to join the large host of your friends who are at this time offering you congratulations on your twenty fifth anniversary of service on the Presbyterian Board.

I know your modest nature and how almost more than any one I know, you dislike all outs & myths in the great message you have to give and the great work that is a burden upon your soul. Yet perhaps for this once you will let us praise you, or if you do not desire praise, will let us all tell you how much we love and admire you.

You have made the Christian character real to thousands of young men. I will tell you here, what I have never told you before, that one of the greatest impulses toward the Christian life & consecration and service that I ever received came from your visit to Yale when I was a student there. It was there I first heard you, and I took my opportunity to hear you then and in the after years.

I have read all your many books, but never shall I forget the day when "Christianity and the Nations" came into my hand and I read it with thrills and growing wonder, "Here at last is a statesman in the field of missions," I said as I closed the book.

No one has better combined evangelical fervor and social vision than have you.

With you long years of service of the Lord as well as ours

Yours cordially
Frederick Lynch

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Ave.,

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Dear Dr. Speer:

It is a great thing to serve a cause for twenty-five years as you have served the Presbyterian Church and its Foreign Mission enterprise. To my mind you have been a large factor in introducing the new era of Foreign Missions, interesting not only our people, but all the Protestant churches in the English speaking world.

I entered the ministry about the time you entered the service of our Foreign Board, and as I look back on it, we were scarcely a Foreigh Mission church at that time. Today we are, and nothing can happen to take Foreign Missions out of the conscience and affection of the Presbyterian people.

May God bless you and give you another full quarter century and more of great service.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Marquis

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,

New York, N.Y.

My dear friend and Brother:

November 1st is a notable date in the providence of God in your career, being the 25th anniversary of your service as a Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. My memory goes back to your student days at Princeton, to the conversations we had one with another, prior to your acceptance of the office, and as I think upon the quarter century which now has passed, I thank God and rejoice with His Church over the splendid service which you have rendered the Kingdom of Christ in the United States of America and in many lands.

May God bless you abundantly in coming years and give you increasing pleasure in your cooperative work with many brethren and bring upon your work an abundant harvest.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. H. Roberts

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Oct 18

Dear Dr Speer:

I am glad to be one of the number to signalize by a word of heartfelt appreciation the completion of a Quadri-Centenary Service to the Church. You have meant more to very many of us than you can ever dream or imagine. Your greatest work has been for the Great Missionary Cause: but your influence upon the Young men has not

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October 25, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Secretary Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

It is a privilege as well as a great pleasure to join with your friends in every land in extending to you heartiest congratulations upon your approaching twenty-fifth anniversary. We know you so well that we are sure you are saying, "Not unto me, not unto me, but unto thy name, O Lord". Yet, we do thank Him that He has called you and equipped you for a preeminent service for our Church, the whole church, and for the Kingdom of God. The officers and members of the Home Board have been brought into intimate relationship with you, which has deepened our affection towards you and our admiration for you.

My own warmest regards and earnest prayers are yours. What a joy, - what a blessedness it is to live for Him who died for us and for all men.

Affectionately and cordially yours,

John Dixon

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
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October 26, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer:

These twenty-five years have been the most momentous in the course humanity has run. It is the rarest joy to have had so definitive a part as you have had in shaping its and the future's destinies. Never before have the everlasting vitalities been so revealed, nor have, as latterly, the hard brutalities of unregenerated human passion been laid bare in so ghastly a form. To have witnessed these revelations and had so fine a part as you have had in directing the forces of regeneration is a lot scarcely meted out to another, and not likely to be duplicated in many a generation.

It has been a heroic age. The peace to come out of the present world horror---how holy it will be under the spell of those assurances which you have with unsurpassed eloquence and devotion proclaimed! Not even those who know you best and have been most swayed by your influence can yet understand how much your power and constancy have done to put the heroic element into the age. The world will emerge from the present confusion to realize as never before the need of the gentleness and power of the Christ, and for the supply of this supreme need you have been among the foremost to prepare.

God bless you for the heroic twenty-five years gone, and inspire you afresh for the twenty-five to come!

Sincerely,

R. M. Allen

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October 23, 1916.

Robert E. Speer, LL.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:

There are few opportunities more pleasant than this of adding my congratulations and good wishes to those of your many friends on this your twenty-fifth anniversary. In common with them I am rejoicing in the service that you have rendered the Board of Foreign Missions, in your statesmanlike grasp of world wide problems, in your fine perception of values, in the deep spiritual strength shown at all times. The Church at large has been helped by your written and spoken words, and by the vital influence of your thought.

For all of this we give thanks, but above all do we joy that in these years of toil, when burdened by cares and anxieties, you have never lost the close and appreciative understanding of those younger men and women who yet struggle in uncertainties, and that you reach out to them giving them new visions and strong courage.

May the coming quarter of a century be crowded full with service and may health and strength joy and gladness be with you!

I am

Most cordially yours,

(Mrs. F.S.)

W. Katharine Bennett

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

My dear Mr. Speer: -

A noted citizen of our country once characterized our people as hungry for the horizon. In the past twenty-five yeare we have seen that hunger increasing in the hearts of all Christian people to an unprecedented degree.

When the statistics of the period are fully gathered and considered it will be seen that they mark a new era in the work of foreign missions. We have seen the Church of Christ passing from the grudging question, Why should we give and labor for foreign missions? to the better question, Why should we not give and go and labor more abundantly? What we previously thought a daring adventure and a questionable sacrifice of men and money has become a coveted opportunity to give and to serve gladly for the Master's sake.

Not only to have seen the opening of that era, to have marched with the increasing multitude, to have participated in the larger vision of the widening horizon; but to have been among the few prophets first to see and deolare to the Church the new opportunity, first to call the Church to move forward, first to blaze a way toward it and to be blessed to the Church by the sparing and guiding Spirit of Cod through these twenty-five years until the blazed trail has become a well beaten, permanent road-- this is the peculiar honor that has marked your place in our beloved Church, which congratulates itself today on your continuing service.

Cordially yours,

Robt Mackenzie

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
New York.

November 3, 1916.

October 31 1916.

My Dear Mr. Speer,

Twenty-five years of service in the Board of Foreign Missions?

Yes, we all thank God for your work beyond the home borders.

But some of us are thinking of what you have been doing for the leadership of the Church. Your visits to Colleges, Universities and

156 FIFTH AVENUE
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November 2, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:--

I wish to join with very many others in expressing to you my congratulations upon the completion of twenty-five years of service with the Board of Foreign Missions. As all your friends recognize, it has been a service rendered not to one Board or one cause alone, but to the whole Church and the whole of the unevangelized world.

We join with you in gratitude to God because He has kept you through the years in health and strength and has so evidently added His blessing to your work. We join with you also in the hope and the prayer that He may give to you many more years for blessed service in the upbuilding of His kingdom, and that all things may also work together for good to you personally.

Sincerely yours,

Calvin N. Frueh

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Robert E. Speer, A. M., D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Dear Doctor Speer:

I shall never forget the day in 1893, my Sophomore year at Princeton, when you spoke in Murray Hall. It was one of those heart-searching talks which people count on hearing from you. Among other things you spoke of Ion Keith-Falconer, urging those who heard you to read the story of his life. Fifty cents meant a lot in those days when I was earning my way through college, but I bought the volume at once. I never see it on the shelf but I think of your talk and the inspiration it was to me. The reading of biography has become almost a passion since that day; your words had a large part in starting me on the rich trail.

In the early days of my first pastorate a stray copy of DAILY BIBLE contained just one thing that impressed me -- a bit credited to you giving your statement of the literal meaning of the famoue statement of Paul, "I will gladly spend and be spent for your soule." "The form of the verb Paul used means 'be spent clear out,'" you said. That was a revolutionary message to a young pastor who had his hours of self-pity because he thought he wae having a hard time.

Some eight or nine years ago you spoke at a missionary conference. "I want to every service," a business man said to me later. "I wanted especially to hear Robert E. Speer; I have heard so much of him. I own I was disappointed in him, at first; his message did not seem to scintillate as did some of the others. But now, after a week, I find the only thing I remember about the conference is what Robert E. Speer said. The points he made stand out clear and distinct; I can't get away from them."

I wish the hundreds of thousands whom you have helped and inspired by your addresses, your booke, your articles, your letters to missionaries on the field and to workers at home, could give to you meesages of appreciation and congratulation on this twenty-fifth anniversary of your service as Secretary of the Board. I rejoice that you have word from some. But for every message that reaches you there are a thousand that you can never hear; for every friend you know is praying for you there are a thousand who rejoice in the privilege of asking God's blessing on you.

To-day I join the chorus of your friends who rejoice in your sympathetic methods, your God-given insight into the needs of the human heart, your Christian statesmanship, your world-wide vision.

May God spare you yet many years for his service on earth, and give you an ever greater part with him in bringing the answer to the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come."

Most heartily yours,

John T. Faris

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Dear Doctor Speer:-

It is a privilege to be permitted to add my hearty message of esteem and congratulation to the many others you are receiving upon the celebration of your "Silver Jubilee" in connection with the work of your Board of Foreign Missions.

You have been an inspiration to countless thousands of your fellow Christians and I count myself happy, during these last years, to have come under the more immediate influence of your consecrated manhood.

May the "Silver" deepen into the "Golden" Jubilee, here or over yonder!

To Robert E. Speer D.D.
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My dear Dr.Speer:

Allow me to express to you, on this your twenty-fifth anniversary of service as a secretary of our beloved church, my debt of gratitude for the constant inspiration you have been to me.

Twenty-six years ago, I came first to know you at Princeton, and from that day to this, first as a pastor and later as a secretary, your life and consecrated devotion to the great task God has given you to do, has been of untold blessing to me.

May God's choicest blessing abide with you and yours, is the sincere wish and prayer of, --

Your friend,

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Oct.20th,1916.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,

156 5th Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Recalling that you are approaching the twenty-fifth anniversary of your connection with the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Temperance extends to you ite congratulations on the completion of thie considerable term of service in a work which commends itself to Christian people for so many reaeone, and especially for the ability and dietinguished manner in which you have rendered that eervice. Not only the Preebyterian Church, but all churchee and many other organizations have appreciated and profited by the spirit, fidelity and effectiveness with which you have wrought, both by pen and voice.

That the divine favor may continue to rest upon you and your work, and that you may have many more years of joyful, bleesed service in the sacred cauee in which you have so helpfully wrought, is our earnest prayer.

On behalf of the Board,

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October 24, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

If I am not mistaken, you have completed twenty five years of earnest and sucoessful work as a servant of our gracious Lord, and of the Presbyterian Church.

In view of this fact I wish to congratulate you most heartily on your twenty five years of successful work as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. I rejoice that God has used you in such a remarkable manner, as a speaker, a writer and a leader, and I earnestly and devoutly pray that God will grant you many more years of usefulness as a true servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With sentiments of highest respect and affection I am,

Fraternally yours,

David G. Wylie

W/H:

156 Fifth Avenue, New York,
October 24, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Twenty-five years of most notable service have fixed your place in the Presbyterian church not only, but also in all the Churches of America, and, indeed, of the Christian world, as the Foreign Missionary Statesman and Orator.

The first need of the Church is vision of the work to be done. You have done two things for our church, and, as opportunity has offered, for other Christian Groups.

You have seen the vision and by voice and pen you have been making others see it.

The statesman to see and to organize to effect the vision and the Apostolic voice and pen to stir and infuse the spirit of accomplishment.

And through all to be known and admired and loved, as Robert Speer. Please accept my heartiest congratulations upon this notable anniversary of your service.

Very truly yours,

Jesse C. Bruce.

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Oct. 24, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Associate Secretary Foreign Board,
156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

My dear friend, Dr. Speer:-

As one who has watched your career from college days to the present hour, I trust that you will permit me to express to you my sincere congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Secretaryship of the Foreign Board.

Your great office called for the finest and best ascertained talent of the strongest man in the church. There are none too great nor too valuable to be devoted to the most extensive and perplexing problems which daily come before the church, in its world-wide conquest, and your friends all rejoice that you have given your self-body, mind and soul, for these twenty-five years to the building of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

May the past be but the earnest of the future service that you may still be permitted to render one beloved church.

With highest esteem, I remain,

Sincerely and affectionately yours,

Louis Edmund Hoskins

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Oct. 20, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Secretary Board of Foreign Missions,
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My dear Robert:-

To look at you, it seeme unbelievable that twenty-five years have paseed eince you entered upon the work of the Board of Foreign Miesions. But to look at that work and the advance which it has made in theee yeare, it eeems ae though it must have been more than a century. I join with the great hoet of your friende in heartiest congratulation upon the accomplishment of this fruitful period of your life and work; and also, in the warmest well wishes for the next quarter century, and more, which I pray you may have. It hae been a great joy to me that the currents of our lives have run parallel during so much of thie period. You will remember how, when I was General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Philadelphia and you were a etudent in Princeton, you came over to epeak at our church, -the Weet Spruce Street then - and were my guest at 1729 Walnut Street. That was shortly before I left for India, and when, after a dozen yeare or more, I came back to the Homeland again, you were one of the first to turn me toward the work of the Forward Movement. Through all the yeare that have followed we have been co-workere, to my great joy.

So you see, it is with no ordinary feeling that I am eending thie word of greeting to you now, warm with my love, and shot through with prayere for the daye to come.

Ae ever,

Affectionately your friend,

David McConaughy

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Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions
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My dear Rob:

Twenty-five years ago, as we walked together at Princeton Seminary, after you had decided to leave seminary for the secretaryship, I remarked: "You are changing your tactics", and you replied: "That is the way to surprise the enemy". You have done it - in more than one campaign and we rejoice in your many victories and innumerable trophies.

How much the twenty-five years have held - of joy and pain, of miles of travel and hours of office work, of writing many books and letters, of speaking in countless conferences and committees, of leading students into the Christian life and service, of toning down (or up) the missionaries in their perlexities and trials, of studying policies and problems. God has blessed you through it all and has made you a blessing to me and to countless others of every age and condition, in America and in lands beyond the sea. May you long live and your "bow abide in strength". Whatever comes I know that you will continue to bring blessing and joy to your family and friends (even to your enemies if you have them) and to all the wide world - but especially to me.

Congratulations to you and to the Presbyterian Church, and to the Kingdom that twenty-five years of loving, faithful service find you as young as ever and stronger. Such is immortality.

Hail to thee Sir Robert!

With love from your friend,

Delavan L. Pierson

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New York City,
October 24, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Friend Speer:-

The privilege of being included among those who are writing you congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your association with the Board of Foreign Missions I eagerly seize. My congratulations are fervent with admiration and love and laden with profoundest thanks to God for you. No one, I am sure, can feel a sincerer gratitude than is in my heart for all that you have done in these twenty-five years to multiply the fruits of sacrificial religion not only in the denomination which claims our common allegiance but as well in the comprehensive church and kingdom of God, which you have helped so many of us to see as greater than any or all denominations. What I deem the measure of that service I should not dare to try to say; I only pray God to continue, and fulfill, through many years to come, the gracious influences which have radiated from your life and work in the years past.

And there are yet tenderer appreciations of which I cannot wholly forbear to speak--the value I set on the personal friendship to which more and more with the lapse of later years your brotherly spirit has invited me. From the time of our first personal contact while I was still a student in Otterbein, your life and words have counted continually for inspiration to me, and now that the Lord's providence has permitted me to come so much more closely into your fellowship, I am enriched and rejoiced and strengthened thereby in ways of which no message like this, written or spoken, could suffice even to suggest.

So all I really can write, I write with a full heart of love:

May God bless you and all who are dear to you with his richest favor.

Yours entirely,

Nolan R. Best

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October 24, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Rob:

Twenty-five years is a good while,--but it doesn't seem very long ago that we were writing 1891 at the top of our letters. I was a Junior at Yale then; and you were entering upon that blessed service in which you are still continuing, as a Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. How I do rejoice in this splendid term of splendid service into which our common Lord and Master Christ Jesus called you and has kept you. My father's word of you at that time, when he was asked as to the wisdom of their taking you out of the seminary to enter upon a board secretaryship, that if they took you out right away he did not believe you would have been in the seminary long enough to be really hurt, was fulfilled. He was a good prophet. I love to think of you as a brother of mine in a very special sense, because of your relationship to him. May the quarter century just closed be but an earnest of the richer twenty-five years to come.

Yours affectionately,

Charley

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Baltimore, Md, October 19, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Rob:

Thie quarter of a century of wonderful service, which you are rounding out, brings to mind the evening that you set your face like a flint in this direction. God has lead you most of your way out in the full view of many people of many lands. He hae kept you etrangely indifferent to both the praise and blame of men, but not to their love, and my letter is one of gratitude and love, ae I think back over the years. You have toiled terribly, but those strange renewals of strength from above have been yours. You have known the discipline of pain and have taeted of life's oup of love and joy. The Maeter has dealt bountifully with hie eervant.

I can see your face olearly ae you eat on the couch in Freddy Nehr'e room that night back in 1888, with Davy Bovaird, Phil Rolline, Sailer, our Freddy, Linsly in the room about you, while Pete Atkineon wae in one room with Forman and "G" Sproull in the other room with Wilder. Freddy had nabbed me ae I was going up to my room and I remember as I came in I said to you, "What does thie mean?" Then you told me what it meant and how I muet face the same queetion. I had eat down beside you by this time and your arm wae on my shoulder. I remember I asked what your Father would eay, and you replied "I am writing to him to-night". Afterwards you read to me that wonderful letter which he wrote, reeigning

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all thoee dear ambitione for you whioh he had oherished, and with such eimplioity and tenderneee commending you to the new career toward whioh you were turning. Christ was there that night, nor has He ever been far from you since.

God blees you, dear Rob, and guide you to ever deeper experiences of His fellowehip. May your eyee continue to be gladdened with the sight of the great gains which Hie Kingdom ie making, and which He ie ueing you eo steadily to forward.

For you and for your splendid comrades on the Secretarial Staff, and on the Board, and for Mrs. Speer and your children, my sure confidence ie that your path will be "as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Affectionately yours,

Alfred A. Speer,

B/K.

THE MANSE
PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
315 NORTH FRONT STREET
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October 23, 1916

My dear Bobby,

There is no one who joins more eagerly or heartily than I in the congratulations & good wishes which fill & overflowing the volume in your hands. It seems impossible that twenty five years have passed since we were classmates in Princeton Seminary & roommates in "Old Sem". How well I remember the days when you were considering the summons to act as Secretary of the Board you have served so wonderfully for a quarter of a century. Your best friends were all agreed that the choice had fallen on you for we knew that if you accepted the office you would exceed in its administration the utmost expectations of those who had issued the call. And yet each of us could not but look forward with the deepest regret to the separation which must ensue.

We were all proud of you then Bobby, & we have grown more & more proud of you with each passing year. For mere success has not made you proud, nor great honours vain. And, therefore, those of us who knew you best in the long ago, somehow feel that we are still those who know you best because time has only changed you for the better.

That God may grant you many more years here to do His will & to finish the great work He has given you to do is my earnest prayer

Ever affectionately yours
Lewis Sayrs McKee

Beloved Robert

When we think of the Twenty Five years of your great work in the Foreign Board as Secretary, for which God specially fitted you physically, mentally, morally and spiritually, we praise Him for raising you up for this great sphere of usefulness, in contributing to our church and to the world your consecrated life, and can most heartily congratulate you with all the 1000's of others at home and abroad, who love and honor you, on this Twenty fifth Anniversary, and, with all its great cares and responsibilities, also on the joy you have had in your work. We can never think of you without associating you with our beloved and sainted Walton Babcock — Our congratulations are the more fervent in view of what you have been to us both, thro' all these years, the personal affection the strong ties of spiritual relationship in Christ Jesus our blessed Lord. We are glad and proud to be your Aunt Clara and Uncle Charlie Charles E. Robinson

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Oct, 23-13.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I am very grateful for the privelege of joining your many friends in congratulating you upon the completion of twenty five years as Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions; also in expressions of gratitude to God that He has set His seal of approval in so signal a manner to your service in the cause you have so ably and loyally represented during these crowed and eventful years. And I beg to join in best wishes for your continued health, and in most devoutly prying that you may be spared to serve another twenty five years.

With assurances of abiding love for you, dear friend, I am sincerely and affectionately yours.

Geo. C. Hitchins

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BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 24, 1916.

Dear Robert!

Dr. Brown has been very good to me, in letting me know of your coming anniversary, so that I have this opportunity of sending you my word of congratulation as your first quarter-century of service comes to an end, and you step over the threshhold of the next.

I am putting aside for the moment my personal thoughts for grateful thoughts of the larger ministry you have performed for the young men of our day and for the church at home and abroad. I know you thiuk of this humbly, as you should, for it has been God's gift, to you and to us,-through you whom he first fitted, and whom he has so blessedly used. I am so conscious of his goodness in this, and join with you in thanking him, and praying that your life and strength may be continued for enlarging influenee through many years to the very end.

From early school days, and more, as life passes on, I count on your friendship and love. My heart always warms as I think of you, and one of the best joys of the year is the recurring bit of time away with you in the wilds. I am so thankful for you! Lovingly,

John

Pasadena, California
November 1, 1916

Mr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Speer:

We of the Pasadena Presbyterian Church are, with our Presbyterian folk the country over, congratulating ourselves on the completion of your first quarter of a century as Secretary of our Foreign Board. You are so hopelessly modest that I fear you will never know the unbounded pride our great family takes in you, or how grateful we are to you for your leadership and for your patient urging. I represent the older folk, who have watched your whole career and have learned to trust, without question, your judgment, and the younger folk, chiefly the men of the ministry, who have only known you as a full-grown hero; but, young and old, we are filled with that pride in you that must be theirs who are your very own blood. We unite in hearty thanks to God for all you are and have accomplished, and we fervently pray that in the providence of God you may long be spared to continue your large and most Christian ministry.

With warm personal regards, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Robert Freeman

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October 25, 1916.

Doctor Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Rob:

Twenty-five years have been filled very full, and the lettere which will come to you will not only repreeent the appreciation and regard of friends from all over the world, but they will take to you a very werm affection from those whose livée have been blessed by your life and whose ideale and purposea have been strengthened.

I can never tell you whet your friendship, your worde end your pen have meent to me. I have been etimulated to higher service; I heve becn lifted out of my own selfiehness; I have seen before me more clearly the leaderehip of The Maeter — in fact, I have heard His voice, end seen Hie hand, and leerned Hie heart, through your own.

My real pereonal feelinge are too deep for me to express to you, but I want you to know thet with thie my whole heart goes out in loving eppreciation for what you have been to me end to mine; and for me to know that I heve been trueted, valued and loved by you hae meant more to me than perhepa almost any other one thing in our constent end binding friendehip.

May thie anniverearry juet epeak the heart-love of all your friends to you, and convince you thet constently we thank God for you and for the Chriet whom you heve eo naturally and conetantly revealed.

Affectionately youre,

John Timothy Stone

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Billings Montana Oct. 16

My dear Robert:

It is a joy to cooperate with some you many friends in trying to make memorable the completion of your quarter centennial with our Foreign Board. You know how I love you as a friend. Let this brief note convey in writing what I would rather say in person regarding the significance of your service for the world through an abiding interest in the great work in foreign lands. You have been a splendid factor in the progress of these years.

My dear friend I owe you more than I can tell you in this note. Since we first crossed trails at the New York Y.M.C.A. Convention at Binghamton in 1890, when I was Sec. at the Cleveland convention, my regard has deepened into friendship, and my love has grown with the years. May our glorious Lord give you many years of usefulness, especially in making this year known to "the uttermost parts", is the prayer of your friend

John R. Mott

Chicago.

Dr. Robert E. Speer -

New York City -

My dear Brother.

The "Chicago Herald" congratulates you on the completion of Twenty-Five years of most distinguished service in the great cause of world-wide Missions.

We rejoice with you over the victories that have been gained, and the advances that have been made; and we thank God for your leadership in the forward Missionary movements of our day - movements that have reached far beyond the boundaries of our own beloved church.

Your far-seeing wisdom -

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
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ALFRED E. STEARNS, PRINCIPAL

25 September, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

My dear Bob:

Word has come that you will celebrate your twenty-fifth anniversary in the service of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions on the first of the coming month, and I trust that a word of congratulation and good will from an old friend may not come amiss.

What your work and influence have meant throughout the schools and colleges of America in recent years no one but those who are in close touch with the inner life of these institutions can fully appreciate. It has been unique; it has been wonderfully effective; and the tone and life of our schools and colleges as a whole have been immensely lifted because of it in these days when it seems as if the forces all about us were conspiring to undermine, if not actually wreck, the ideals and accomplishments of the youth of America. I don't know what we would do if we did not have men like you and influences like yours to counteract the evil. God bless you for all you have done, and spare you for many years of continued influence and service.

To me personally you have been an inspiration and example more potent than I can possibly explain. I never see you or hear you without realizing how far short I have fallen in attaining ideals which I revere in others and which I cherish for myself; and invariably I am induced to undertake a more thorough searching of my heart and to put forth a greater effort to eradicate the weaknesses of the past. I know that there are hundreds of others who feel as I do, and to whom you have meant more than they can ever tell. For this also, and out of a sincere heart, I say again, God bless you.

Trusting that God may give you continued strength and courage to keep on with the great work you have been doing, and with my warmest per-

sonal regards, believe me

Your old and true friend always,

Cyrus H. Stearns

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
PRINCETON, N. J.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

October 25th, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I hear that you are approaching the twenty-fifth anniversary of your connection with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. I wish to extend to you my very hearty congratulations upon these years of rich service. I do this not only in my own name and as a personal friend, but also in the name of your Alma Mater. I trust that you may be spared many years to continue your labors, and with ever increasing success and abundant blessing.

With warmest regards,

Faithfully yours,

To-
Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
New York City.

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, N. J.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

October 11, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

New York City.

My dear Robert:-

I wish to join your wide circle of friends in congratulating you most heartily on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your connection with our Board of Foreign Missions. You began a term of service under the inspiration of the watchword "The evangelization of the world in this generation." During the years that have gone you have witnessed an unprecedented advance in the Kingdom of God both at home and abroad. You have witnessed a wider extension of the work, a large increase of able missionaries and a developed interest in the Church which looks toward the speedy consummation of our Master's commission and have seen our Board take its place of leadership as one of the greatest missionary agencies in the world. It must bring great comfort to your heart to know that in achieving these splendid results you have had an exceptionally large part. We thank God at every remembrance of you for what you are and have done and for the still greater things which we believe you will accomplish in His name.

May you ever be under the gracious care of our Father so as to be kept well and strong and so guarded and energized that you may continue to lead "to glorious war a sacramental host of God's elect."

With all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely your friend,

J. Ross Stevenson

PRESIDENTS OFFICE
RUTGERS COLLEGE
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY.

October 24,1916

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Board of Foreign Missions of
The Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth avenue, New York.

Dear Doctor Speer:

You are approaching the twenty-fifth anniversary of your service as Secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Board, I understand. Let me congratulate you very earnestly on this prolonged work so notable for its splendid quality and fruitfulness. You have had a magnificent opportunity and you have met it in magnificent way. It is not the Presbyterian Church alone that acknowledges the debt to your leadership, but the whole Christian Church. For all our colleges and universities also your word and influence have counted beyond measure.

Let me give you my personal good wishes for another quarter-century of equally noble effort. It is an especial gratification that I may write this to you as an adopted son of Rutgers. I am happy that the privilege of conferring our degree upon you on behalf of our Trustees was afforded me at just this anniversary time.

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

C. W. S. Demarest

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
RUTGERS COLLEGE
NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

The Trustees of Rutgers College have directed that the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws be conferred on Robert Elliott Speer, graduate of Princeton University, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, speaker of rare spirit and power, writer on religion and missions, guide of leaders and workers in statesmanlike policy, servant of the church and the worldwide Kingdom of God, an example in word and life to many friends, in recognition of his unswerving steadfastness in the faith once delivered, his unsparing devotion to the missionary cause, his gift of high incentive to young men in all our univereities and colleges, his power in organizing great forcee of the church and his high executive position in a great denomination always sharing largely in the life of this college.

W. H. S. Demarest.
President.

October 14th. 1916.

YALE UNIVERSITY
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
WOODBRIDGE HALL, 105 WALL STREET.

September 7, 1916.

My dear Mr. Speer:-

It gives me the greatest pleasure to congratulate you, and to congratulate the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your service as Secretary. I find it hard to believe that a whole quarter century has elapsed since you took the office. May your work for the next quarter century be as happy and as fruitful as that of the last!

Very sincerely,

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

The Western Theological Seminary
North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Robert E. Speer, D.D., LL.D.,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Dr. Speer:-

I wish to express my hearty congratulations to you on completing twenty-five years of service as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. You were elected to this position of great responsibility at a comparatively early age, and you have in every way met the expectations, not only of the church which reposed this confidence in you, but also of the entire Christian world. When I was a student in college you were visiting the institutions of higher learning in the interest of the Student Volunteer Movement. You won the hearts of the Christian student body of the United States at that time, and you ought to be congratulated on the fact that you have never lost their regard or their affections. You are to be no less congratulated on the influence which you have wielded in missionary councils towards shaping a statesmanlike view and administration of this form of Christian

activity. It has been your privilege to do this in an age of vast and etupendoue changes in the great lands of the Orient. It hae been an age requiring discriminating judgment, and wise broad-minded administration. These characteristics have been abundantly manifested in your conduct of your secretaryship. May God long spare you to the Church that she may have the benefit of the wisdom that comes from age and experience.

Yours very cordially,

James A. Kelso

McCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRESIDENTS HOUSE
2348 NORTH HALSTED STREET
CHICAGO

November 13th 1916

My dear Dr Speer -

It is with the greatest gratitude to God I greet this twenty fifth anniversary of your service in the Secretaryship of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Ever since you entered upon this important sphere of Labor I have felt that God Himself raised you up for it, and I have rejoiced in what I have believed to be His provision of needed grace and wisdom for your varied tasks. You have stood before assemblages and individuals

McCormick Theological Seminary
2330 North Halsted Street
Chicago

Oct. 23, 1916.

My dear "Bobbie",

So it is 25 years, is it? Since you & I were classmates in Princeton! Well, God has blessed you wonderfully, and we all rejoice. May your Lands' work be established.

"We men, who in our morn of youth defied
The elements must vanish; be it so!
Enough, if something from our hands have power
To live, and act, & serve the future hour."
— Wordsworth.

Sincerely trusting the next 25 years of your life may be even still fuller & blessing to the world. I am,

Yours, as ever, very fraternally,

George L. Robinson

AUBURN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
AUBURN, NEW YORK
PRESIDENT'S ROOM

Sept. 8, 1916

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,

156 Fifth Ave., New York,

My dear Doctor Speer:

I wish to be in the rejoicing company who are fortunate in being your friends and who at this time offer their congratulations upon your twenty-five years of service in the Foreign Board.

Under your wise and capable leadership the Church has come to a vision of her opportunity and a comprehension of great task in winning the world for Christ, and has bent herself to the performance of her duty as never before.

All who love her and pray for her extending usefulness couple with our prayers thanksgiving for your life and work in your high office. Our continual desire is that you may abide many years more in this place of power and conspicuous usefulness.

Twenty-five years of living, and of such intense and effective living, who can measure its significance! We have no mundane standards. The hands upon the clock, the days upon the calendar, the dates, 1891-1916, are utterly inadequate for the telling of the story. Other archives than those we now read contain the record.

We bless God for you, and pray for your coming years.

Yours sincerely,

Geo B Stewart

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET
NEW YORK

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

2nd October 1916

Robert E. Speer, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

One concerned in training ministers is stimulated constantly by the thought that Christianity is a missionary enterprise, and no intelligent Christian can think of the missionary enterprise without thinking of you.

It is a significant matter that your life has, for the last quarter of a century, been thus intertwined with essential Christianity. You feel this, of course, in your own experience. It is actually a fact when the achievements of your work are measured. That you are satisfied with any achievement I do not hint. What regret and humiliation often come to the Lord's faithful servants as lack and failure press home, everyone of them can testify. But it is a great thing all the same that we can look back over these twenty-five years of your missionary interpretation and missionary leadership. And since you and I both belong, in God's providence, to the same branch of his church -much as we may desire to have all divisions wiped out and the church one- I am thankful that it is our Presbyterian Church which has had the stirring inspiration of your missionary membership and generalship. Such work as yours tells for Christian conquest and unity.

At Union Seminary you know your welcome is always assured. Our men respond to you and depend upon you. Those who here as elsewhere you have inspired and guided are in all the world spreading the Kingdom of Christ.

For many personal kindnesses and appreciations I owe you a lasting debt of gratitude. May your own soul be enriched constantly by the divine presence, All the blessings of health and family and friendship be multiplied to you and you have increasing joy as the years go past in the great service. And that these years may yet be very many is the earnest wish and prayer of

Your sincere friend,

Francis Brown.

YALE UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF RELIGION
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT
HARLAN P. BEACH
J CLARK ARCHER

My dear Robert:

This is a personal word of congratulation to you on reaching the twenty-fifth anniversary of taking up work for the Presbyterian Foreign Board. A quarter of a century of unceasing toil, made a labor of love, has been gladly given by you to the widest cause of the world. Your own Board, its missionaries and converts, the American public, especially on the religious side, the wider Christian public of the English speaking peoples, the cause of Missions in all its literary and promotive program, owe very much to you. Probably no man, unless it be John Mott, has done as much the world around through ~~their~~ his spoken and written words and ~~their~~ his influence upon others as you have done for Missions.

But this is only part of a wider program. The effect of your addresses and books upon the spiritual life of thousands of hearers and readers, especially upon young men and students, has been more than any religious leader almost can look back upon. Your own personality in contact with men and women has been most helpful. Every inch a Christian, with no inconsistencies that are evident to the ordinary eye, your life has spoken more eloquently that all your words. The best thing about your twenty-five years is that your life has been lived in the strength of Christ -- a life with Him in God. I am so thankful for you and for the friendship that has helped me so much all these years. May God spare you for thirty years more of equally effective service to your Board and the world.

Cordially yours,
Harlan P. Beach

HARTFORD SEMINARY FOUNDATION
HARTFORD, CONN.
WILLIAM DOUGLAS MACKENZIE, D.D., LL.D., PRESIDENT

September twenty-third
1916

Dr. R. E. Speer,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
New York City,

My dear Dr. Speer:

It has come to my knowledge that on November first will occur the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of your service as one of the Secretaries for the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. All over the world there will be many who rejoice with you and with the Board on that day. They will recall something of the work which you have done in their own region, perhaps in relation to their own particular field, and will give God thanks for the wisdom and kindness with which you have faced all personal matters, and the breadth of view which you have brought to bear upon the policy and spirit of the great Board with which you are connected. They will recall that amidst labors abundant as a traveller and speaker you have found time to write books, all of which have had a distinct message and value, some of which will live long as authorities upon the field with which they deal. Happy is the man who can celebrate such an anniversary while still as it were in his youth! May God give you to celebrate your Jubilee, and may He crown all the intervening years with a richness of service which will gather up all that you have already learned, and carry it to still further grace and power.

Among the joys of this day I hope will be the consciousness that in your work you have won not merely the confidence and admiration of those who watch you as a worker, but the affection of those who count you as a friend. In both lists please include the name of

Yours very sincerely,

WDM/HMK

W. Douglas Mackenzie

ROCHESTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

October 21, 1916.

Robert E. Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I want to be one of a great host about the circle of the globe who join in heartiest congratulation and good wishes to you upon the completion of a quarter-century of great service for the Kingdom of God. It would be absolutely impossible for me to exaggerate my sense of the value of your work and the greatness of your manhood. Not only to the cause of missions, but to the student life of this country and of the world, you have been a blessing unspeakably great. Wherever you go I find the marks of your life, your words, and your character. I have long felt that the group of men of approximately the same age,- you, John Mott, Fred Smith and Campbell White, could hardly be matched by any group of similar number in this or in another age. What you four men have been divinely helped to accomplish is beyond all computation. Certainly we can hardly think of present conditions apart from you.

Our paths do not often cross, but you are many times in my thought and my prayer, and always as an inspiration to better service. If I mistake not, we last met for a moment in the railroad depot at Cleveland, on a stormy evening some months ago. I hope that the next time of meeting will be in the near future. May God richly bless you, in your own heart, in your household, and in all the manifold details of your work.

With cordial and constant regard,

Very sincerely yours,

Clarence A. Barbour

The University of Chicago
The Divinity School

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 23, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer:

I congratulate you sincerely and heartily upon the completion of twenty-five yeare of leadership in the cauee of Miesions. Every man of ue who ie working for the exteneion of the Kingdom of God as something more than either eocial reform or eccleeiastical organization, is in your debt. It can be said of you, as of few men, that you have built your life in to the conetructive forcee of one of the world'e great historical epochs.

In the even more critical yeare into which we are now entering we ehall look to you conetantly for sane couneel and contagioue faith in the things and the Pereon who, though uneeen, are eternal.

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Cordially yours,

Shailer Mathews

Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

THE LANE SEMINARY
CINCINNATI, OHIO

Oct. 27th 1916

Mr. Robert E. Speer LL.D
Secty. Bd. of For. Miss.
Dear Brother,

Permit me personally and for Lane Seminary to congratulate you upon the completion of a quarter of a century in the great work of winning a world to Christ, to which you have consecrated your life. The work accomplished will not only be lasting, but this fertile source of new and greater movements until the final Conquest. May God grant you strength

of mind and body and courage of heart,
for many years to come, that still greater
works may be accomplished through your
supporting and those who labor with you

Most Sincerely Yours

William McKibben, President

THE COLLEGE OF WOOSTER
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

WOOSTER, OHIO.

October 27, 1916.

Dear Speer:

My very hearty congratulations on these past twenty-five fruitful years of service! I know of no man who has been of more help to me personally than you have been, and I doubt not that this is true also of a great multitude of others.

May your influence for Christ increase with the passing years, and I hope it may be in the Divine plan to let you work on for at least twenty-five years more, when it looks as if the whole world would be passing through a religious reconstruction.

May every best blessing be upon you and your family!

Always affectionately yours,

J. Campbell White

St. Paul, Minn,

October 27. 1916.

It is a great privilege, dear Mrs. Spur, to join the large circle of loving friends who are thinking of you at this time at completing a quarter of a century of work and achievement.

Imagine, in your full busy life, it will be no easy task to read the many letters that will come pouring in upon you on this great occasion. and I am going to spare you the pain of reading all that my heart join would utter at such a time and merely bind to you my most loving greetings and heartiest congratulations that you have come

I know you desire no guerdon for work done save greater work yet to do - and you would not be a true disciple of Christ did not the unattained, and unattainable, ever beckon you to "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

And while we all rejoice in the rich harvest the years have brought you of workers made strong, of souls made better; of hearts comforted & spirits inspired. Through your wide field of labor & conquest for the King of Kings & Lord of Lords and the world He died to save -

Third year in the great journey and in coming have climbed so high!

I feel as if I belonged to that early small circle (now widened till it reaches the uttermost parts of the earth) that first knew you. When you were beginning to run your race, as a young student at Princeton and we have had the rare privilege of watching your growth through the years since then to where you now stand — with what I feel are the best years of your life still ahead of you.

541 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 1st 1916

Dear Mr. Speer:

I take the keenest pleasure in writing this word of congratulation on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your secretaryship. God bless you always.

Affectionately yours in the fellowship of the furtherance of the Gospel.

Wilbert W. White.

Dr. Robert E. Speer.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE
WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 12, 1916

My dear Doctor Speer:-

I learn with interest, and, I confess, surprise that November 1 will be the 25th anniversary of your service as one of the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. As one of the large company of men who have had the pleasure of knowing you and appreciating the great service which you have rendered to mankind, I wish to join in expressing my sentiment, however inadequately. It is given to few men to contribute so much to their day and generation as you have done and are doing. It is difficult for me to believe that twenty-five years of service in your present relation have passed. May I send you my heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Garfield.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Board of Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE
LOS ANGELES

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

Oct. 11, 1916

My dear Robert-

Twenty five years! that's great,- and all of them for good and for God. Your heart thrills with joy in the wonderful season you have had and we all are thanking God, you have been invested with so much of His grace and wisdom. We are asking Him to give you many more useful years, right where you are.

Yours affectionately

Baer

WILLIAM REVELL MOODY

EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Sep 13" 1916

Dear Rob:

Its an occasion when one can only add their "amen" to all the splendid things that are being said so much better than I can express them. Few men have had the distinction of rounding out such a quantity of a centurys service before attaining

fifty! It speaks for the labor and unsparing application you have given, not alone to your duties, but to every opportunity. Your reward is the love of thousands to whom you are a blessing, among which number is

Your affectionate friend

Will R. Wood

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE.
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 26, 1916.

Mr. Robert Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Speer:

It gives me great pleasure to have a part in the congratulations at the twenty-fifth anniversary of your connection with the Presbyterian Board. What your twenty-five years of service have meant to Christian missions no one of us can put into words. We can only express our gratitude for the inspiration which you have given to Christian living throughout the world.

Believe me, with the hope that another twenty-five years of service era before you,

Cordially yours,

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
WELLESLEY COLLEGE,
WELLESLEY, MASS.

October 26, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I count myself fortunate to be among those who have the privilege of congratulating you upon the completion of twenty-five years of service to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. This service has been given not alone to one section of the Christian church but to the larger church of Christ. There are few Christian leaders who have given such stimulus to missionary interests among college students. These students everywhere have responded to your clear and insistent appeal for more thoughtful and devoted consideration of Christ's work and mission in the modern world.

In sending you my congratulations upon the past service, I wish to express the hope that there is another twenty-five years of ever increasing richness in store for you and the cause you serve.

Most sincerely yours,

Ellen F. Pendleton

VASSAR COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

October 26, 1916.

My dear Doctor Speer:

On this completion of your twenty-five years of service as a foreign mission secretary on the Presbyterian Board, will you let me speak for Vassar College, whose numbers represent many missionary families, a word of congratulation to you? And may I wish you a long continuance of labor in your chosen field, with the rich rewards which I know will always be yours.

Cordially yours,

Henry M. Crocker

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

SMITH COLLEGE
NORTHAMPTON MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 22, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Both personally and officially I want to convey to you my heartiest congratulations upon the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of your service as Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. It is with very deep gratitude that I remember the service which you rendered to me as a student through your speaking and your writing. I think you influenced permanently my life and gave it a turn toward spiritual things which has always been of the utmost value to me.

As President of Smith College I wish also to express to you my very genuine approbation of the splendid influence which you have exerted upon our hundreds of students both through your speaking at our vesper service and through your books. It is needless for me to say that we count you among the very best of those who make for the spiritual life of Smith College. Let me wish for you many years of success in your large task.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

M. L. Burton

Chicago

My dear Dr. Speer— Oct. 16th 1916

Here I not
sure that in the mass of con-
gratulations which will reach
you on your coming anni-
versary, my small contribution
be almost submerged, I would
scarcely venture to send it.
Still I am equally sure
no other words will carry to

My dear Mr Spier,

Twenty five years of faithful service in the Master, has been well done by you my dear friend, and many have felt your influence, at home and abroad, you were near and dear to my loved one, who always rejoiced in your success along every line, and in which I joined, for have given your silver years to the great cause of foreign Missions, May you be spared to give your golden ones also—

Most sincerely yours,

Matilda L. Gillespie

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE,
ROOM 818. NEW YORK.

Dr. Robert E. Speer
Dear Dr Speer:

Will you kindly send me a copy of your printed letter which may be granted you, I am very sincerely yours
Kenneth Latourette

It gives me much pleasure to have this opportunity of joining with the many friends in offering to you congratulations on your quarter century of service in the Board of Foreign Missions. My congratulations are for you that you have been able to give these years to the noblest work in the world; and even more do I congratulate the Church and the Board for all that you have been to them these twenty five years. Your work with wise and pen, and your wise counsel in the meetings of the Board and in larger conferences in this and other lands have won for you as for few others men the honor, love and confidence of the whole Presbyterian church.

It has always been to me a great cause for thankfulness that my husband was largely instrumental in inducing you to assume this position which you have so ably filled.

With thanks to God for what you have done and been to the cause of Foreign Missions, and prayer

400 Park Avenue
New York

Nov. 6th 1916

My dear Mr Speer,

Amid many congratulations from your friends, on the completion of thirty-five years of harmonious working among the members of the Board of Foreign Missions, it may not be amiss for me to remind you of some vacation days, during this time, spent at "Kenarden Lodge" with some friends who are very fond of you — and, with this little reminder of the home at Bar Harbor, give the earnest hope that this visit will be often repeated in the days to come.

With warm congratulations and deep appreciation believe me to be

Very friendly Yours Emma B. Kennedy

131 Bridge St

Northampton. Oct. 19th

My dear Mr. Speer,

Do you remember the little cubby they built for your occupation, soon after your début at 53 Fifth Avenue? As I recollect, a partition was thrown across one corner of Dr. Mitchell's office on the Lenox house front, and when you got inside that box, you looked like a Norway pine planted in a flower-pot. You did not appear to know of the resemblance, but rather carried yourself as if

"Stone walls do not a prison make
Nor iron bars a cage".

No; immediately, I must amend that application. There was a "cage".

It was not the cubby that you minded atall - not that. But, as time went on and The Board would not let go of you, America became to you a cage, shutting you out of China. You tried to submit yourself to fathers and brethren, with humility, but I could not help seeing that, often, your wings beat hard against the bars.

We, who have been looking on since then, have seen you go to China not only, but all over Asia and Latin America, both actually and while still bodily present in New York. Though I sympathized in those days with a young man's ardent longing, I think we all realize, now, and even you yourself must see, that had you not made the great renunciation, as you did, yielding the burning desire of

your heart, your line, instead of going out through all the earth developing Christian life and power, must have been narrowed to a single land.

Accept my congratulations on these brim-full twenty-five years past. Along with all your friends, of course I wish for you another quarter-century just as useful and influential, and after that, I would fain have your years still run on, in emulation of the Englishman of whom I read that "at ninety years, he was as much in requisition as ever" for public occasions.

Accept my personal thanks for definite help and inspiration for the spiritual life, in the daily prayer-meetings at "156" as well as more public ministrations.

And I thank you especially for the standard of your Christian example, whether in the common day's work, or following the Archbishop of Canterbury on the Edinburgh program, or on that time which, perhaps, will live longest in my memory, and always so tenderly, when your little child was on the borderland and you were wishing to accept and do the will of God, perfectly.

Your latest kindness in sending me that superior Depletalin Report has never been properly acknowledged. I was waiting until I had finished reading it, and I am not quite there yet. The volume is a treasury. Your little call at my home is most pleasantly remembered and I hope you will come again soon — the first time you are up this way —

Yours sincerely,

Ellen C. Parsons.

FOUR-HUNDRED
PARK-AVENUE

My dear Mr. Speer,

It is with keen pleasure that I join the long procession of friends who are congratulating you on having completed twenty five years of splendid service as Secretary of the Foreign Board.

Truly it can say of you, as Tom one said of Professor Drummond, that you have been all "blue sky," and

your strong faith and steadfast energy have been an inspiration to many.

Wishing for many more years of health and strength to spend on his service so dear to your heart,

I remain, with deep appreciation,

Yours faithfully,

Julia B. Schauffler

Oct. 21st 1916.

Mrs. J. Livingstone Taylor
Cleveland

October 24, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Speer:

May I congratulate you on your Twenty Fifth Anniversary as Secretary of the Board?

As I look back over the twenty-five years I can see very many changes and great advances in your work.

May the coming years be full of restful work with the Lord in His vineyard.

Always sincerely His,

Sophia Taylor

136 Rodney Street

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

My dear Dr. Speer,

I am glad indeed to add my congratulations to those of your host of friends on this occasion, as a privilege which I esteem very highly.

Were my dear Father who held you in deep esteem and affection here, he would be among the first to send you his message.

So for him as well as for myself may I express the hope that as those twenty-five years have been most fruitful ones in the service of Christ, so may the coming years here, and that "God's mercy and mercy may follow you all the days of your life."

Yours most sincerely

Helen M. Hall.

October the twenty-third
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S. M. W. Nov. 25th 1916

Princeton, N. J.

My dear Mr. Speer.

The good friends who have permitted me to join the group of your well-wishers on this day which commemorates your long and faithful service for the Board, have asked that I take up only one page of space. This makes me wish I knew an expert in short-hand so that I might at least attempt to tell you all that is in my heart concerning your faithful labors of love, and influence for the righting of this sad world in the best way - because they have been according to our Master's rule. Many grateful hearts bless you to-day for your helpful ministrations, and the way in which you have made it easier to live, and surely more ready to die. May the lights of His countenance never depart from your beloved face, and His abiding peace from your heart. My own life is richer and happier for having called you my friend for many years.

Always faithfully yours

Mrs. George Wood

Isabella M. Wood

1506 WALNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Thanksgiving to all
who know and love you
and have been helped
by your prayers and
work and meetings.
I do not write to you
as I usually do
friendship does
for years and it is
strange not to
have it with
you. Holidays are
even more so
than it found
a sacred trust to
be interpreted by
Jesus and a father

refer to all who ac-
cept the terms.

I thank God that
you are my friend
and I am yours

Julia Ann Turner

No reply I could

Beloved Robert

The alluring invitation for the anniversary din-
ner - for dear 9th - was mailed in New York - Nov. 13. But had it
come in time - we are not well enough to have accepted - But we
send our congratulations from our hearts on the wonderful
25 years - so fruitful to the honor of God - We were in St. M. on the
July Sunday, when we had the joy of seeing & hearing you - for
treatment for corneal infiltrate - but the great heat in July
wasted against good results - and we came back home [illegible]
-er - a little better - If there is to be any report of speeches
made at that dinner - could we have one?

I am not strong enough to write a letter - so
can only send this little feeble note - which

is like myself-

I fancy my handwriting will be harder to

read than yours-! God bless you. Beloved "Boy"

& make your lives more & more fruitful for good

& God. Aunt Clara joins me in love to you

& Emma - & your family

Most affectionately

Uncle & Aunt Charlie

Nov 15 '16

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Nov. 14th, 1916.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The greatest treasure one can possess is abundant and increasing opportunity for service in the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour. You are, therefore, blessed with large and growing wealth. Twenty-five years with the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church! What tremendous changes have been wrought in the non-Christian world during the quarter of a century, and what a large part you have had in entering and cultivating the Presbyterian fields, white and waiting for the sickle of the harvesters! Moreover, what a splendid record you have made, and what hosts of friends have rallied round you, all of whom rejoice because of the large way in which our God and Father has been pleased to use you.

Your name is not only in the Presbyterian Churches, but, indeed, in all the Protestant Churches of the land, and also in the Mission Stations of the non-Christian world. All speak of you most endearingly, and pray that your strength may not abate, and that your power of service may not grow less. We all know that your heart is ever and ever more willing.

Please accept my hearty congratulations in which Mrs. Swift joins me as you pass the Twenty-fifth Annual Marking of Service with your Board.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Dunlop Swift

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156-5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

J.S./T.

Plainfield N.J.
Oct. 23. 1916.

My dear Friend.

I congratulate both you and the Presbyterian Board upon the Completion of your twenty-fifth year together. What great good you have accomplished both to the missionaries, and to the friends at home only Eternity will reveal.

I congratulate you, too, upon the strength which the Lord God has given to you in these years to do His Will.

May you do even greater good in the next twenty-five years.

Very affectionately yours
J H Jowett

To
Robt E. Speer D.D.
156. 5th Ave N.Y.

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October 24, 1916.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Rob:

In pursuance of a rumor I have heard I am writing to join in the congratulations of your friends on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Secretaryship of the Board of Foreign Missions.

No words of mine can express the appreciation that we all feel for your untiring service for Christ and the world, nor can I express, in terms that would be both adequate and yet acceptable to yourself, the privilege that has been mine of knowing you as a friend.

It would seem impossible to wish you a greater degree of helpfulness in the future, and yet one does wish just that, knowing that in the goodness of God your work is going on with Him " shining brighter and brighter unto the perfect day".

Your friend,

H. C. Minor

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Dear Robert:

My debt of gratitude to you as a channel of inspiration and help does not extend back quite to the beginning of the full twenty-five year period, but I have very vivid recollections of what you did for me personally while I was an undergraduate in Princeton. Your sympathetic advice and suggestions have had much to do with the direction which my life has taken when important decisions were necessary. I rejoice with you in the service of these years and I am particularly glad of the present opportunity which we have to work together closely on behalf of Princeton.

Elliott is going to be a great help to us in our work of the society and I hope that we may be able to serve him properly throughout these interesting years of his college course.

With very best wishes for all the future,

Yours as ever,

Tom Evans

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
New York City.

WILLIAM UHLER FOLLANSBEE
WOODLAND ROAD
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Oct 22nd 1916.

My Dear Speer

My hats off to you for the past, and my heartiest God bless you for the future.

I felt you were my friend, as you are to all mankind, long before you knew me, and it is a privilege to have the closer touch.

May we all feel young enough for another twenty five years pull together.

Most Sincerely

Wm U. Follansbee

Robt E Speer
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Oct. 16, 1916

Rev. Robert E. Speer,
#156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Friend:-

It gives Mrs. Gamble and me great pleasure to offer our congratulations to you on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your connection with the Foreign Mission Board as Secretary. We know the years have been full of hard work, but you must feel that you have accomplished much for the church both at home and abroad.

We hope that you may be spared to serve the Board for many years and be an inspiration in the future as in the past to the membership of our great Church.

Yours sincerely,

D. B. Gamble

Southport. Maine
Oct. 24th 1916

My Dear Mr Speer.

A quarter of a Centuary seems but as Yesterday, since I, among other Lawrenceites welcomed you to the Office and the Board's Service, but who can measure the results that God has wrought through you, over the great Gathering time were reveal the wonders of your service to mankind.

The memory of the personal relations that I sustained to you is, and ever will be, of the greatest comfort, the inspiration and help through many trying hours.

Surely this good old world is a gainer by your work and life, and it is my earnest prayer that you may be long spared to do even greater things for the Masters Kingdom.

Infirmity of the flesh and the utter inadequacy of words compels me to make this Congratulatory letter a brief one.

May God bless and keep you
is the sincere wish
of your old friend

Marcus D. Garrison

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October 23, 1916

Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary,
Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

The world and the church today is in crying need of leaders of the highest vision. To maintain that vision thru a period of twenty-five years unaffected by the temptations of increased power and honor, is the work indeed of a true man and of a faithful servant.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of your connection with the Foreign Board of our Presbyterian Church it is a genuine pleasure to extend you our cordial congratulations and to wish for you another quarter of a century in as useful service.

Most sincerely yours,

W. Holt Harbison

CHARLES L HUSTON
COATESVILLE, PA.

October 23, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

New York City.

Dear Cousin Robert:-

I am glad to have the opportunity to join with your other friends and brethern in Christ in this testimonial of appreciation of your splendid service, not only in the cause of foreign missions, but in all departments of the Church, where your faithful stand for the truth and the paramount claim of the gospel has stimulated the entire Church.

Along with your other friends I trust that the Lord may spare you for many years beyond this twenty fifth anniversary of service in the Master's cause, unless it should please Him to come in the meantime for His bride, the Church.

Yours in Christ,

Chas Huston

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To Dr. Robert E. Speer
156 Fifth ave.
New York

My dear friend and colaborer

I cannot resist connecting this twenty fifth anniversary with your birthday, and so doubly thanking God for giving you to us, & for your rebirth into the work of preaching and sending messages of His Gospel to the world.

Of what you have been to me personally I shall not even venture to speak. Of what you have done for twice me as Editor of the Churchman and The Continent I could but feebly tell in these few lines. Of what your service in Missions has meant only the great company of those who have come under the inspiration of your life could adequately tell.

May God grant you long life with an ever expanding vision of His Kingdom and the enthusiastic spirit of His Spirit.

Faithfully yours, Isaac McBe

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My dear Dr. Speer.

Twenty five years of service for the King is its own best reward in the fellowship it gives with Him. Your friends all rejoice with you that the has been your great privilege - Truly life is worth living if it record is learned - May you be spared to the Church, its Head and to us, for many more years of joyful ministry

In best bonds -

Sincerely

Fleming H. Revell

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October 23, 1910

Robert E. Speer, D. D., LL. D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Rob,

To one who is so much your senior as to be well advanced on the third quarter century stretch, this twenty-fifty anniversary of your service as Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States seems strangely youthful as measured by that false and fleeting measurer time, but in the just estimate of the great teacher experience your wise years have been nobly fruitful and gloriously true. To those who have loved and watched your journey thus far it has been so evident who He was who walked beside you, that it seems wholly fitting to make the prayer of Edward Dowden in "Emmausward" their prayer for you and for themselves,

"Our hearts burn in us as we go;
Stay with us; break our bread; so for our part
Ere darkness falls haply we may rejoice,
Haply, when day has been far spent, may know."

With deep affection and heartiest good wishes,

Sincerely your friend,

Mornay Williams

CYRUS H. McCORMICK
606 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE
CHICAGO

27 October, 1916.

My dear Doctor Speer:

Such an anniversary as that which occurs on November first should not pass unnoticed. The services which you have rendered the Presbyterian Church during the twenty-five years of faithful and successful efforts, merit the warmest expression of approval from all of those who know the value of the work which you have done and the significance of the results which you have achieved, not only with the Presbyterian Church, but for all Christian interests in this and other countries.

I count it a pleasure to have this opportunity of expressing my personal appreciation of the insight and power which you have put into your work; for the fidelity and consecration of your efforts and for the leadership which you have shown in carrying forward the message of the gospel at home and abroad.

Your opportunities for good have been great and the results you have obtained have been correspondingly great.

With kind regards and congratulations, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Cyrus H. McCormick

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Corresponding Secretary,
Board of Foreign Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, New York.

My Dear Dr. Speer:-

If is ie not TOO late, permit me to add my message of special congratulation to those of thousands of your other friends who long ere this have sent in their good cheer over your TWENTY-FIFTH anniversary of service for our Foreign Board! This is belated becauee I somehow have overlooked the announcement of your Anniversary until some good friend sent us a MENU-card this week.

All the same, of your many, many friends all over the country and the world, none more that I rejoice in the way the Lord has furnished and used you, my dear brother, in helping speed forward the larger things of His kingdom! May it please Him to spare you for another quarter of a Century and MORE for yet greater and greater work with increasingly more glorious results, is my hope and sincere prayer.

Phil. 4:4-7.

Tenderly Yours,

H. H. Bell

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Mr. Speer

J. J. Lucas

Allahabad. India
Jan. 6th 1917

William Mr Speer

Just Wished I was in the
Continent when the Commemoration
of your 25 years as Secretary and that
a book containing 256 letters from
friends all over the world had been
presented you. Had I known such
a Commemoration was intended I
certainly would have contributed a
letter of appreciation of your helpful
fellowship these 25 years - your
letters a constant inspiration for back
of them I have felt the glow of your
big loving heart. You certainly have
shown the fruitfulness of hope in your
dealings with me as a Mission, and
every year you hold on the

us as sustainers has been stronger and closer. You are almost daily remembered in our family worship. Before the death of dear Father Smith some of us thought of asking you to come out to the Head of the College, but did not because we felt the whole world needed you rather than any one Country or Institution.

Well, here endeth this with the prayer that you may continue to increase in the knowledge of God and in the progress of this knowledge may pervade all your Labors of the Lord Jesus.

With thanksgiving of my remembrance of you.

Yours affectionately

J. L. Lucas.

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HARVEY C. OLIN
TREASURER

63 Chestnut street,
East Orange, N. J.
November 28, 1916.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

Glancing over my copy of "The Continent" on Sunday last, I note that you have been celebrating your twenty-fifth birthday with the Board of Foreign Missions.

It certainly is humiliating to have to confess that the celebration on the sixth of November has just come to my notice, but as you may know, I have been invalided at home for some weeks now, and have not kept abreast of the news at One Fifty Six.

You will let me now, however, even at this late date, offer my very sincere congratulations upon the twenty-five years of your connection with the Foreign Board, and with the great work which you have done as collateral to the work of Foreign Missions. I am sure that no layman and no minister of our church has done the heroic work in Foreign Missions, and in collateral lines, which you have done, and we are all grateful and thankful for your life and what it has meant to our church and to the cause of the Master throughout the world.

Trusting that you may be spared certainly for another quarter century of your splendid work in health and strength, believe me, on behalf of Mrs. Olin and myself,

Very sincerely yours,

Harvey C. Olin

To
Robert E. Speer, L.L. D.,
New York City.

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November 10th 1916

Dear Mr Speer.

While I have been attending a session of our General Convention you have been rounding out a quarter-century of devoted service to Church and State. I feel it thus because it seems to me that such a work as you are doing is patriotic in the best sense of the word. The Christian Church does not live unto itself. Its best must be given

for the nation and for the world. Missionary work is the truest expression of the Church's life; and one who is gifted to guide and inspire that work is the kind of man that we should all be most grateful for. And in this respect at least we are, in your case, doing our duty - for we are most grateful. We recognize in you the highest type of Christian citizenship. And we thank God that His refreshing grace has prevented you from degenerating into official. sism while your talents have

distinguishes you for efficiency. It is hard to be a secretary without becoming secretarial. It is not easy to live as seeing the invisible and yet to do full justice to the tangible. These and other difficulties you have surmounted — and while you have grown stronger you have grown gentler: so that all who know you love you. The greatest tribute of respect that I can pay to a man I admire is to tell him how much I think of him. In the very act of telling, I am proclaiming that he is not one of those who can be harmed by the good opinion of his friends. And so I add my word of hearty congratulation to those that have already reached you. I am sorry that I could not write before — for I should then ventured to suggest the peculiar appropriateness of All Saints Day as the time when you were to be reminded of your spiritual kinship with living friends and with those who rest from their labors. May God bless, guide and refresh you!

Faithfully yours
Geo Pepper.

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The Rev. Dr. Brown.

Dear Dr. Brown,

By some accident I have just received your letter of September 5, on my return here from America. You will, therefore, know why it was that I did not answer your letter before, and I am especially sorry because all Missionary hearted men have long had reason to be thankful for Dr. Speer's Service for all great causes for the evangelization of the world. Had it been possible I should have been very glad to have sent him a word of congratulation and all good wishes on the 25th anniversary of his work, but it would be a pleasure to me if you could forward this communication to him.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Montgomery (Bishop).

Secretary.

Military Training Camp
Plattsburg N.Y.
22 Aug. 1916

Dear Dr. Speer

I am anticipating a bit in writing at this early date my word of affection & congratulation upon the completion of your quarter of a century of service as a secretary of your Mission Board. Your anniversary happens to fall upon a date when I shall be so occupied that I am taking time by the forelock lest I let the moment slip by.

It must be a source of thankfulness to you that your work has been catholic. Its benefits have overflowed the banks of your own Communion & fertilized the fields of others who have local loyalties that are united in the great Common loyalty to our Lord.

May God bless the days that lie before you. Feel that they are going to be good days. Our problems are so great that their very vastness is inspiriting as indicating that God thinks well of us His Children to our ability - is willing to struggle with them. The penetrating power of missions is only at its beginning & with all our faults

limitations we are making
Christ known to those who are
far off & those who are nigh.

I am happy to count myself
among your personal friends &
co-workers in the One Cause which
can wholly & to the last command
human life. With affection &
esteem I remain

Yours Faithfully
Cliff Drury

First Presbyterian Church
Grand Boulevard and Forty-first Street
Chicago, Ill.

November 7, 1916.

Rev. Robert Speer, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Speer,-

I desire to join others in bearing to you my affectionate congratulations upon the occasion of your quarter of a century service for foreign missions in connection with our Board.

You have been able thro' these years to make a most distinct contribution to the great problem of carrying the Gospel to the uttermost. Your particular contribution, it seems to me, has been your definite message to the home church as to her solemn duty, presented with the consecrated power and inspiring appeal of your dedicated personality. I hope that the next twenty-five years of your work on the Board may bring you the richly deserved joys of seeing great things done.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. C. Covert

MADISON AVENUE
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41 EAST 73RD STREET

New York, November 9,1916.

My dear Mr. Speer;

I am given the favor, although tardy, of sending a few lines of hearty congratulation upon the splendid twenty-five years of service you have given the Church through the Board of Foreign Missions. Your invaluable ministry among the students of which I have personally seen result after result in young men and young women led into Christian life or into larger Christian service; your inspiring work in all the Churches in upholding the cause of worldwide evangelism; your books circulating where ever there are English-reading Christians; above all your statesmanlike leadership in the missionary enterprise where you have not hesitated to speak out fearlessly,as I happen to know, and to suggest farsighted plans which for the moment were unpopular -- all these and many more have made a memorable contribution to Christ's cause in our generation. Among your many sincere friends allow me to sign myself,

Faithfully yours,

Henry L. Stimson

Dear Mr. Speer:-

Since it means so much for us in Japan to have you for our Secretary I too wish to write just a word of congratulation to you upon this twenty-fifth anniversary, and to hope that you may have many more years of world-helping, efficient service. It is

a great blessing and inspiration to us little ones in the Master's service to have your advice and counsel and to know that you so faithfully stand between the workers on the field and those at home. Perhaps you of Japan realize even more vividly the work and station of the "go-between."

We pray especially for

you every Sabbath morning in the order of our Mission calendar of prayer.

Yours very sincerely,

Isabelle M. Ward.

Saint Louis,

Missouri,

October 28th —

en route to Japan.

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R.M.S. "EMPRESS OF ASIA"

Dear Dr. Speer:

I can scarcely believe you have been connected with the Foreign Mission Board a quarter of a century but Dr. Franklin informs me such is the case.

I trust you have seen change enough and progress enough to make you feel the efforts you have put forth have not been wasted. At one time it may have seemed to you that the foreign field was your place but if we believe God plans for every life the results of these twenty five years of service in connection with the Board have proved

To you over and over that you have been in the right place.

You have blessed many lives. It has been your privilege to be fluent in speech and ready in pen, both have been instrumental in strengthening many who might otherwise have dropped out in the race.

When I saw you in Chinanfu you looked some what older than you did when I came to China thirteen years ago but you, no doubt, would not exchange even though it were possible - the years for the vast amount of experience acquired during them. But only a few people are endowed with the rich gifts you possess but the beauty of life is the best is never in the past but always in the future so I pray God's still richer blessings may be yours, and you in turn may

be a still greater blessing to the many whose lives you touch.

I can not write to one in your position but I have longed to send my greeting for your twenty fifth anniversary in foreign mission work.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

Lizzie H. Keator.

Austin Scott.

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New Brunswick N.J. 3.I.17.

My dear Mr. Speer;- Pray do not imagine, from my delay in replying to your kind letter of Dec 5. that I have not the liveliest sense of your gracious in sending me congratulations on the event of my this receiving the degree from Rutgers. You have my warm thanks.

It was much real joy that I learned that our College was to recognize its obligation to you for the service you are rendering in instituted measure to the world.

I pray

not - indeed I cannot - say to you how many times I have described you as you stood in your place at my left in Dickinson Hall auditorium on those Monday afternoons in the early part of 1889 - Your erect attitude, your correct speech, your answers concise, clear, to the exact point, have for many, many years been an inspiration to me when I have been trying to make earnest students in my classes. How to meet and treat a Thought. For thirty five years I have been keeping students records; I was looking at them the other day; no one I found had ever received a higher mark than you -

And it

And it is a choice thing to me to be assured, as your letter does me, that I have been held in remembrance by you.

With my best wishes for this New Year and for each of the many which I trust life will bring you

I am, my dear Dr. Speer,

Sincerely Yours

Martin Scott

Robert E. Speer D.D. Esq
Secy. Board Foreign Missions
156 Fifth Ave
New York City

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November 2, 1916.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,

156 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

An accident, which I very greatly regret, prevented my sending to Dr. Brown before November 1st, the congratulations of Mrs. Buehler and myself and all your friends at Hotchkiss on the 25th anniversary of your service as one of the Secretaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. We all love you and are proud of you, and wish for you long life and happiness.

Very affectionately yours,

H. G. Buehler

22 Evergreen Place,
East Orange.

My dear Mr. Speer

I want to add my little word of Congratulations and good wishes on this great anniversary day - to those of your many friends all over the world.

As I write my memory turns to the strong and deep affection which my father had for you. and to the share which together you had ~~for~~ in missions. This friendship. which ran through many years of father's life - made more glad and satisfying

the loyal service which he rendered the Master. He would rejoice with you today, were he here in bodily presence.

Very sincerely yours.

Mary R. Forker.

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My dear Mr Speer.

May I add my congratiitations, and those of the children whom I represent, to your already long list of well-wishers?

May the future be rich in blessings for you. And may we some day hear from you through our little magazine.

Yours faithfully
Katharine N. Birdsall

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Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.,
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My dear Dr. Brown:

I have your letter of the 18th of October, which was mislaid. I am deeply grieved that I failed to send you some word of appreciation of Dr. Speer's service to the Church at large. I wish I could have had a part in paying a fitting tribute to a layman who has proved himself through and through a servant of the Lord, on whose head ordination hands were not placed, but manifestly on whom the blessing and benediction of God rest. His labors belong not only to your Church, but to the whole Church. As one of his humble friends, I regret extremely the mislaying of the letter. If an opportunity prevents, congratulate him for me.

I am, with kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours in Christian Work,

L. B. Wolf

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Robert E. Speer, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, N Y
Dear Dr. Speer

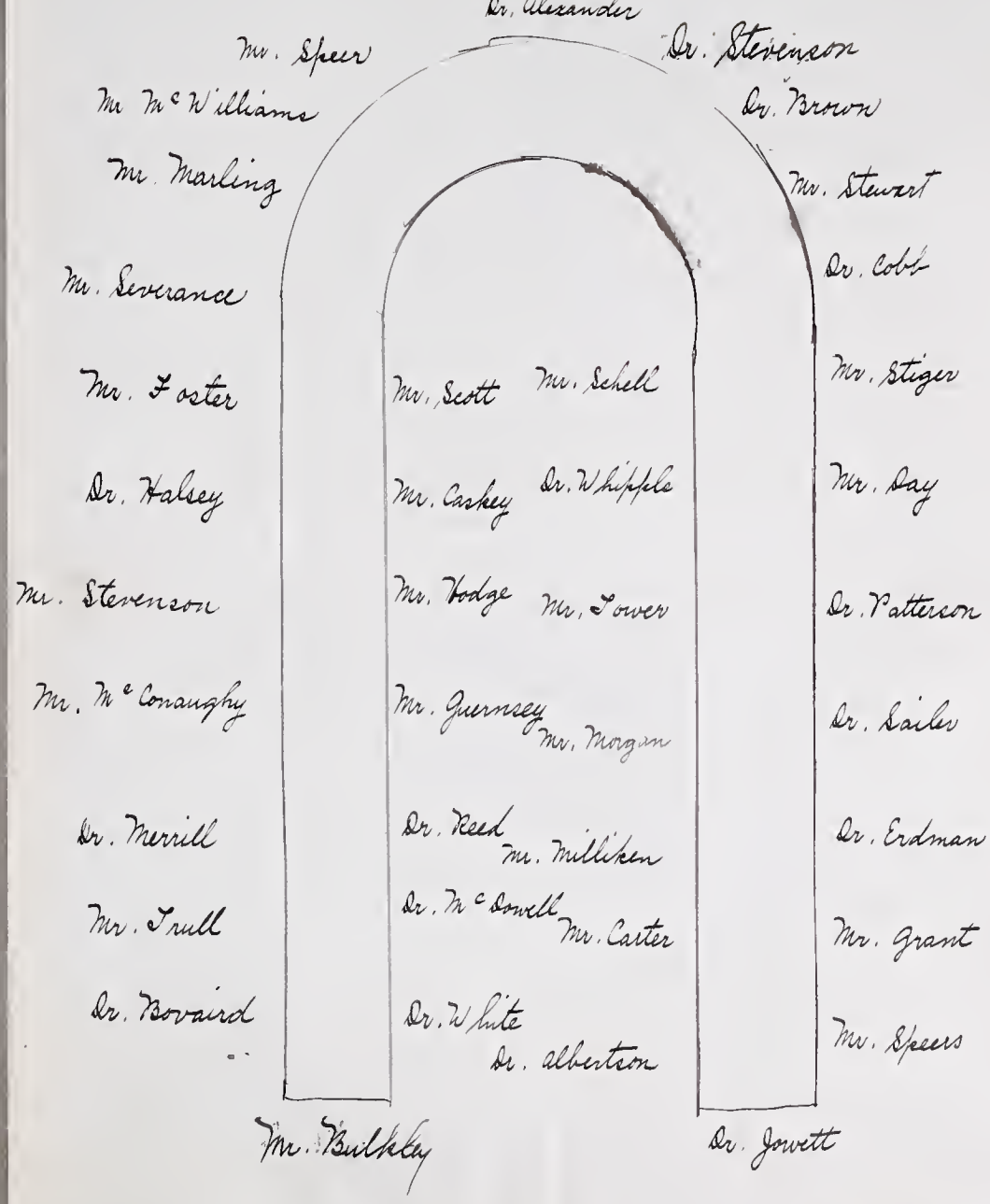
Let me add my brief word of very hearty appreciation to the words and thoughts and prayers of your multitude of friends on the occasion of your completing twenty-five years of service with the Board of Foreign Missions.

It is a splendid example of continuous and cumulative ministry

With warmest wishes for the coming years

Faithfully yours

Harry P. Cooke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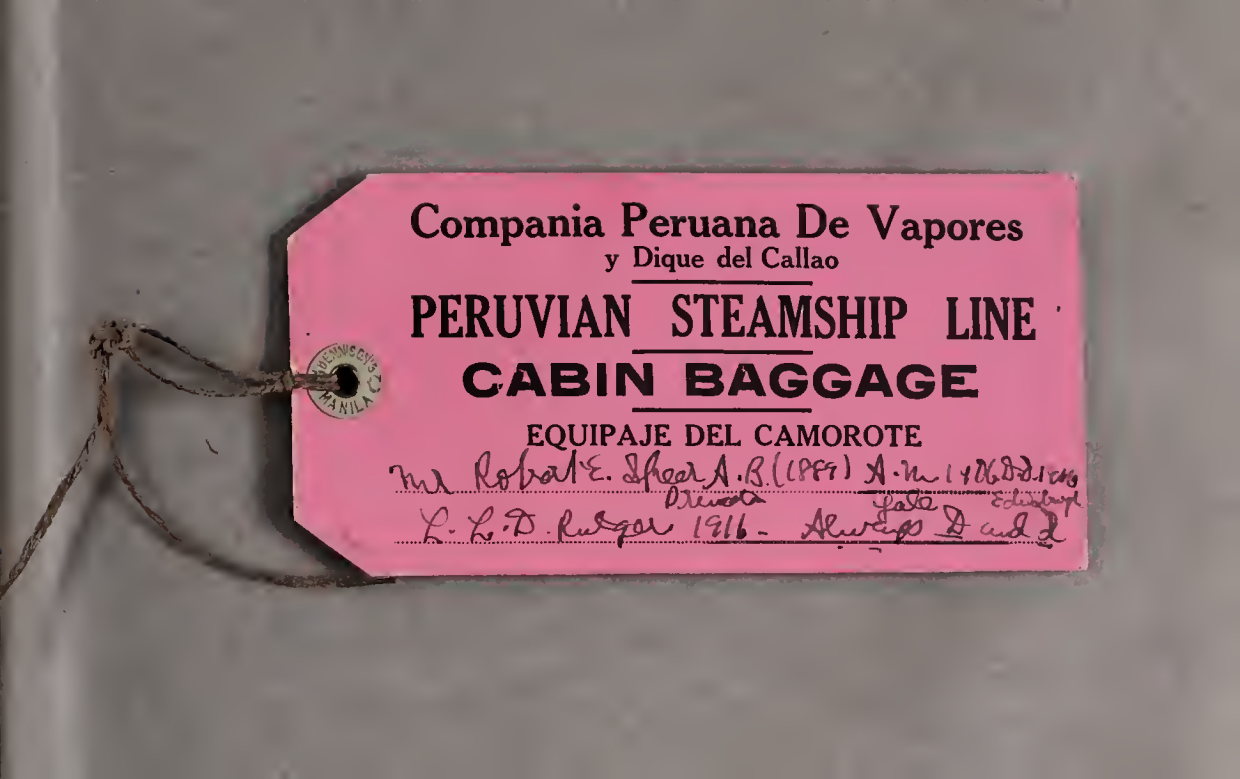
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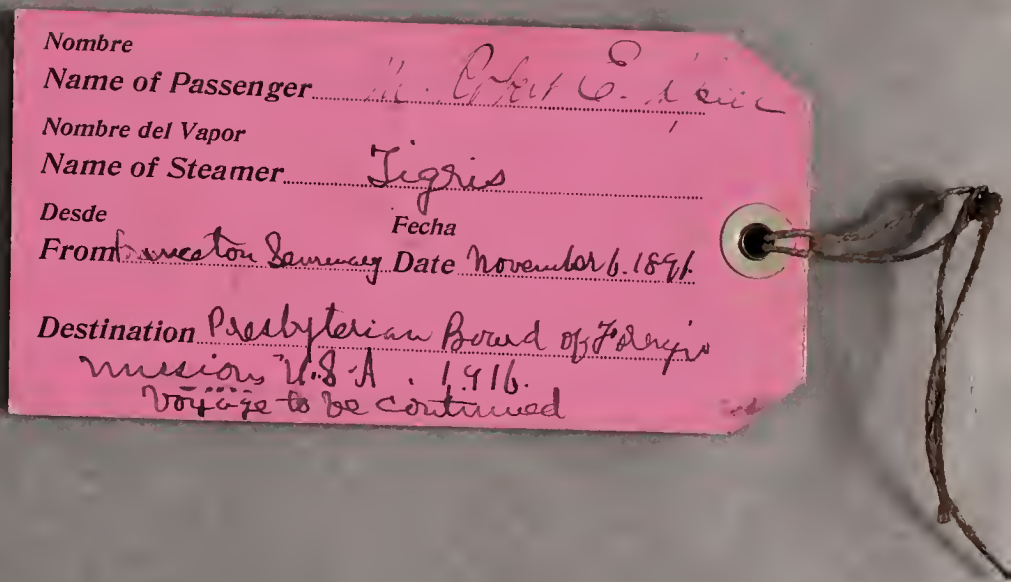
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S/S Oscar II,

Aug. 23, 1916 -

Dear Rob,

I enclose a letter that tells very a great deal that is in one's heart. After all what the poets never cease is the love that ~~folds~~ our friends have for us. Then are more than these precious + abiding things but the greatest of all is Love. May you have strength for your work + kindness and joy in all -

Affectionately yours,

E. A. Stuart

We believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and purpose to follow him faithfully. We ask all people who share this, our belief and purpose, to join us in the cultivation of private religion, in the maintenance of public praise and teaching, and in the prosecution of every means for the total redemption of society.

Weekly Calendar

of

The Presbyterian Church

of

Englewood, New Jersey

To read the Bible often and thoughtfully, to pray both statedly and on impulse, to attend upon the preaching of God's word whenever possible, to secure for one's self frequent opportunity for soul-searching meditation, to expose one's life to the manifestation of the Creator in nature, to cultivate acquaintance with Christ in those works of human helpfulness which are his joy—these are an honest soul's invitation for the Father and Son to dwell in his house.

Order of Services

Sunday, November 5th, 1916

Morning Worship at 11 o'clock

Organ Prelude ..... *Reverie* ..... *Flagler*

Anthem by the Quartet Awake, Put On the Strength ..... *Stainer*

Responsive Reading from the Psalms Selection Number 6

Lesson from the Scripture

Homily to the Junior Congregation
Raisins in the Bread

A Hymn Number 225

The General Prayer of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Offertory ..... Come Unto Me ..... *Coenen*

A Hymn Number 398

The Sermon
The Annual Presentation of the Progress of World Missions
Mr. Robert E. Speer

A Hymn Number 358

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Organ Postlude ..... Allegretto ..... *Volkman*

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Vespers at 4.30 O'clock

Organ Prelude..... Intermezzo ..... *Rhienberger*

Anthem by Quartet..... Art Thou Weary ..... *Chadwick*

Call to Worship and Evening Prayer

A Hymn Number 580

Lesson from the Scriptures Titus, Chapter 2

The Address
The New Testament Statement of a Well-Rounded Character

A Hymn Number 541

A Solo .....Give Ear to My Prayer..... *Arcadelt*

Benediction and Silent Prayer

Organ Postlude ..... Maestoso ..... *Batiste*

BIBLE SCHOOL AT 9.45 O'CLOCK

In the Chapel, to which all young people are warmly invited.

ENGLEWOOD HOSPITAL SERVICE AT 2.00 O'CLOCK

In which the nurses and help of the Hospital, as well as the patients and their friends, will co-operate. There will be music, prayers, and a fifteen-minute practical address, by the minister of this church.

Meetings of the Week and Announcements

Sunday, 12.15. Brief Meeting of the Session in the Chapel.

Monday, 10.30 A. M. The Annual Meeting to hear the report of Miss Steen, our Missionary Nurse, will be held in the Chapel. All the women of the Church are invited.

Wednesday, 8.00. Course on South America, taught by Dr. Penfield. The Catholic Church has recently been mailing tracts on its South American work, to members of our church, and this tract will be the first discussion of the evening. The general subject of the evening is, "The Catholic and the Protestant in South America." You are asked to make a special effort to be present at this final session of Dr. Penfield's class.

Wednesday, 3.00 P. M. The Girls' Sunshine Club will meet at the home of Mrs. J. H. Prentice, 46 Maple Street.

Friday, 11.00. Bible Class for young women, on the Gospel of Mark, taught by Miss Olyphant, under the auspices of the Northfield League. All young women invited to the Chapel.

Friday, 2.30 P. M. The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. W. D. Reeve, Lydecker Street. All ladies cordially invited.

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Next Sunday Morning We Take Our Yearly Offering for Foreign Missions. The address preliminary to it will be made this morning by Mr. Speer. During the coming week the missionary committee will send out its usual letter of information. It is a time of heavy demands and matchless opportunity for our Boards, and we must stand behind them in their efforts to present the love and the practices of our Master.

It is a privilege for the home church of Robert E. Speer to recognize the 25th anniversary of his connection with the Foreign Board as its secretary, which takes place during the present week. Even a bare statement of his influence and world-wide wisdom would be distasteful to his modesty, but he cannot prevent our prayers of thanks to God, that he is the man that he is, and that he has been spared to stand where he has stood, for this quarter century. Years ago John R. Mott remarked that the Angel Gabriel himself could not speak to college students for any length of time, but Mr. Speer has for over twenty years been the most effective and beloved speaker to students and men in our country, a record that has never been approached by any other Christian apostle. This church cannot but express its loving appreciation of the fellowship of Mr. Speer.

On Wednesday Evening, after Prayer Meeting, there will be a meeting of the Congregation to consider and act upon a proposed transfer by our church of the lot and chapel used by Bethany Church, to that organization.

Dr. Dunlop, about whom our thoughts gather at this time of foreign mission emphasis, our faithful and esteemed representative in Japan, has been suffering acutely from rheumatism during the past months, and is at present in the hospital at Seoul, bronchitis having firmly fastened itself upon him, in addition to his previous disease. In expressions of sympathy that may go to him, the church will join, in a sense of strong personal attachment.

On Wednesday, at 9.30 o'clock, there will be a hearing, in city hall, upon the matter of closing the stores of Englewood during Sunday. The merchants who most desire this change, and who need it especially, feel that their cause cannot win unless a body of the influential people of the city, go on record in their favor. Can you plan to be present and to express yourself.

Please Send Notices for the Calendar to George H. Payson.

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